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FIRMS INVITED TO JOIN £1m TALKS

BUSINESSES have been invited to play a key role in how £1 million of lottery funding is spent in villages around Oswestry.

The villages of Weston Rhyn, St Martins and Gobowen were awarded the money from the Big Local fund and a committee has been set up to decide how to use the funding.

As part of the process business people in the three villages are being invited to join Big Local for a bacon butty and a hot drink at Henlle Park Golf Club in Gobowen on October 16.

The breakfast meeting will be an opportunity for business people to find out more about Big Local, and how it could help businesses in the area flourish over the next 10 years.

by Iain St John

Chairman of the delivery group, Nick Heard, said: "A key feature of Big Local is that residents and local businesses play a vital part in identifying the priorities for the area, and deciding how the £1 million allocated to the area will be invested locally.

"We've already been given some ideas – perhaps a local network to share success stories and promote local businesses.

"Perhaps closer links could be created between businesses, schools and colleges, to help young people into work and assist businesses through better-prepared young staff, trainees and apprentices.

Ideas

"We're sure there are plenty more good ideas.

"Whether involved in farming, manufacturing, distribution, retail or services, we'd like business people to share them with us.

"We want to get business people involved in making our Big Local a big success.

"We'd also like to establish a Business Forum to support the main Big Local Partnership for our area, which will take the decisions on how the money is invested.

"This will help to make sure that the people who are creating and sustaining jobs in our communities are fully involved in decisions on how the Big Local money is invested."

The breakfast meeting will start at 7.30am and be finished by 9am.

Gobowen, St Martins and Weston Rhyn Big Local is one of 150 Big Local programmes around the country.

People who'd like to attend should if possible contact the Big Local co-ordinator, David Boyce, in advance to help with catering arrangements.

He can be contacted on 07749 786544, or by e-mail at *d.boyce@qube-oca.org.uk*

50 jobs may go at frozen food firm

MORE than 50 jobs could be lost at a frozen food distribution centre in Shropshire, it was claimed today.

The jobs are under threat at Cooltrader's warehouse on Oswestry's Maesbury Industrial Estate after the firm was taken over by Heron Foods.

Andrew Errington, Cooltrader's managing director, said he feared as many as 56 jobs at the Oswestry depot could go. A further 20 jobs could go at the Deeside HQ.

Mr Errington said: "Cooltrader has been sold to Heron Foods and the people in the warehouse and the head office are being made redundant."

He said staff had been told redundancies could come into effect on September 29. He added people had been offered jobs by Heron Foods but these would be based near Hull.

"Some are contemplating the move across there but the majority said it is not for them," Mr Errington said.

Cooltrader also has stores in Oswestry and Shrewsbury but it is believed that jobs there are not under threat.

Cooltrader is the discount chain founded by Iceland boss Malcolm Walker. Iceland agreed the sale of its Cooltrader frozen food banner to Heron Foods earlier this month.

No-one at Heron Foods was available for comment.

Full house for climber

Back, from left,Whittaker house captain James Duxbury, Whittaker house leader Jenny Card and Whittaker ladies captain Molly Birch, with Tom Whittaker.

DISABLED mountaineer Tom Whittaker was at a school in Oswestry yesterday (Wednesday) which has named its new house system after famous climbers.

The Marches, in Morda Road, has created five houses on the theme of British Everest Firsts and has named one of them after Mr Whittaker, who was the first disabled person to climb to the summit of Mount Everest.

Mr Whittaker spoke to the school assembly about the challenges he has faced during his life and his climb to the top of the mountain.

Jenny Card, Whittaker House leader, recently got in touch with Mr Whittaker and students were delighted to hear that he had agreed to visit.

She said: "We are really excited about meeting him and welcoming him to The Marches. What a fantastic opportunity for staff and students to meet the very person that their house is named after."

Charity to visit with help for the blind

A NATIONAL organisation which helps the blind and partially sighted is heading for Welshpool.

Action for Blind People will be in town on October 9.

The organisation, which helps people get practical support in their lives, will be bringing its Action for Blind People's Mobile Information and Advice Service to the town.

It will be at Berriew Street Car Park from 9.30am-12pm and from 2pm-4pm at St Winefride's Catholic Church Hall, in Mount Street.

This will give people the chance to see the latest aids, equipment and specialist advice and have an opportunity to try out products and get information on local and national services.

This service is free for people to attend and there is no need to book. The vehicle is fully accessible for those with mobility difficulties.

For more information phone through the RNIB Helpline on 0303 123 9999 or visit their website, www.actionforblindpeople.org.uk

£1m craft plans talks

PLANS for a major expansion at Moreton Park Garden Centre will be outlined to Oswestry business people on Wednesday.

Barry Pearson, managing director of Shropshire Leisure Group, owners of the Garden Centre and the nearby Lion Quays Waterside Resort, will explain the plans for a £1 million craft village to members of Oswestry Chamber of Commerce at The Wynnstay Hotel. The meeting starts at 6pm.

Conman strikes

AN 80-YEAR-old Oswestry woman has been targeted by a callous conman who tricked his way into the pensioner's home. Police believe he was part of a gang who tried to get into other houses in the area.

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Minister to voice views on turbines

ENVIRONMENT minster Owen Paterson will voice his views on wind power for the first time in his new role at a public meeting in Oswestry on Friday.

The north Shropshire MP is one of the speakers at the meeting at The Venue at Park Hall. Hundreds are expected to attend the event, which has been organised by the leader of Shropshire Council, Keith Barrow, and will start at 6pm.

National Grid has said its preferred route for high voltage electricity cables connecting wind farms in Mid Wales to the National Grid, is from a sub station at Cefn Coch to Lower Frankton near Ellesmere.

Mr Paterson said: "I hope people will come along and voice their views."

On Tuesday, Powys councillors objected to plans for three windfarms because they are worried about their impact on the economy, landscape and tourism.

In front of a packed chamber, members of the council's Cabinet agreed unanimously to go along with a full council recommendation that they object to the plans for Llanbrynmair, Llaithdu and Llandinam.

The size of the applications mean they will be decided by the UK government.

Bank's £25,000 gift for hospice

A SURPRISE £25,000 windfall and a donation of eight tablet computers means youngsters at a hospice near Oswestry can keep in closer contact with their families.

Fundraisers at Hope House Children's Hospice, in Morda, are celebrating after receiving the cash from banking giants Santander.

Special deliveries

SISTERS from Oswestry and Welshpool have defied the odds to became mothers on the same day, giving birth to boys at the same hospital.

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Cash boost to help put town B&Bs on the map

by Chrissy Symmons

OSWESTRY B&B owners are being offered a share of thousands of pounds to help attract more people to stay in the area.

Shropshire Council has agreed to give £115,000 from its Market Towns Revitalisation Programme to places in Oswestry and the surrounding areas.

There will be £75,000 available from MTRP for town B&Bs and £40,000 for B&Bs in the surrounding area, being jointly funded by the Oswestry MTRP and the Rural Challenge Fund.

Businesses will have to bid for grants to spend on creating more bedrooms, structural alterations to improve access, installing lifts, en-suite bathrooms and providing wi-fi and broadband.

Application forms are available from Oswestry Town Council, in the Guildhall on Bailey Head.

Its hoped the cash will improve new and existing B&Bs in the area and increase the number of rooms available.

Shropshire Councillor John Hurst-Knight, said: "I am delighted this money is being made available to local businesses.

"Hopefully it'll encourage people to visit and, more importantly, stay in the town and surrounding areas for longer."

Keith Barrow, Shropshire Councillor for Oswestry South and leader of the council, said: "We have introduced this grant scheme to help stimulate further investment in tourism. I have no doubt this will give Oswestry's visitor economy a considerable boost. It's a lovely market town with lots to offer."

Oswestry town mayor Martin Bennett, said: "I hope this funding will enable B&Bs to improve facilities and encourage others to increase the amount of provision."

The maximum grant initially available is £5,000.

Charity shop in need of household items to sell

RELATE, the relationship people, are appealing for furniture and household goods at their bargain centre on Oswestry's Bailey Street.

If you are moving home or have any household goods to donate organisers will accept or collect them from you.

"We are a local charity helping people who for various reasons are in need of one of our counselling service," said a spokesperson.

The group is also looking for volunteers who have a few hours to spare to help answer telephones, to arrange collections and deliveries or carry out jobs in the shop.

The shop is open Monday to Saturday from 9.30am – 4.30pm. If you are interested in helping or have goods to donate call 01691 688650.

Charity car wash

A CAR wash will be held at Llanfair Caereinion fire station on Saturday between 9.30am and 1pm. Donations will be made for the car wash to the Firefighters Charity.

Sisters defy the odds to give birth on same day

Bundles of joy! Sisters Joanne, left, and Hayley with their newborns babies.

SISTERS have defied the odds to became mothers on the same day, giving birth to baby boys at the same hospital – despite them both being well past their due dates.

Joanne Waters, of Oswestry, and Hayley Evans, from Welshpool, became pregnant at roughly the same time earlier this year, and despite a week between due dates, the family had a running joke about 'what if' they were born on the same day.

And the unthinkable happened on September 14 when both gave birth to healthy boys at Maelor Hospital, Wrexham.

First up was older sister Joanne, married to Neil Waters, who gave birth to Stanley Caled Waters at 4:22 am. Stanley weighed a healthy 8lb 5ozs but took his time arriving as he was overdue by 12 days.

Hayley went into labour and was with her partner Dave Walton when Evan David Walton was born at 5.05pm, weighing 8lbs11ozs. He was overdue by six days.

It turned out to be a day to celebrate for parents Terry and Ann Evans of Guilsfield with oldest sister Teresa following the developments all day from her home in Australia.

First aid course to teach the essentials

A FIRST aid course will be taking place in Oswestry.

The course will be held on October 4 at the Council Chamber, in the Guildhall, from 10.30am-12.30pm.

The workshop will cover information on how to help people in situations where they may be having a heart attack, choking, unconscious and breathing, bleeding, has a burn or scald, is having a stroke or has a broken bone.

Refreshments will be provided and the workshop is free to family carers.

It is being run by the Carers Support Service which is part of the Shropshire Rural Community Council

To book, carers need to call Julia Wenlock on (01743) 237888.

Workshops are part funded by the Carers Appeal which was launched in January of this year.

For more information about the organisation and the Carers Service visit www.shropshire-rcc.org.uk , www.shropshire-rcc.org.uk/carers

Olympic theme for art display

AN Olympic-themed exhibition is being staged at an art gallery in Oswestry.

The Willow Gallery is hosting OlymPics from until October 22.

It shows a number of paintings on display celebrating the jubilant atmosphere of the Olympics and features work from a wide age range.

Council to meet

MEMBERS of Llanfyllin Town Council will meet for their next monthly meeting on October 17. The meeting takes place at the Public Institute in the town, starting at 6.45pm.

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What's on the Autumn menu at Erddig?

Bright colours give way to 'mellow fruitfulness' as trees put on their spectacular display of oranges, gold and browns for Erddig's Autumn events.

Apple Festival
6 and 7 October, 11am – 5pm
If savouring the taste of apples is your thing, head to the Erddig restaurant for hearty and warming fayre or join Welsh celebrity chef Dai Davies for apple-inspired cookery. Cider press demonstrations, cider tasting, folk and jazz music, Wrexham Brass (Sun) and Mold Town Concert Band (Sat) makes for an unforgettable day out.

Walking Festival
27 October – Sun 4 November
A whole host of seasonal walks around the gardens and estate, from costumed Romantic Walks to a Spooky Walk on Wednesday 31 October. There's something for everyone, including special Paws Walks for our 4-legged friends.

Halloween Hootings
28 October
Join us for an exploration of this spooky festival. Besides ghouls, ghost stories and creepy trails, visitors are invited to make lanterns and stay after dark for a magical procession around the garden at 6pm. Lantern workshops £2 per person.

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Alert after conman targets 80-year-old woman at home

AN 80-YEAR-old Oswestry woman has been targeted by a callous conman who claimed he had been sent by the water board to fix a burst pipe last Friday.

The man – thought to be in his 30s or 40s – tricked his way into the pensioner's home off Wilfred Owen Close.

Police believe he was part of a gang of three men who tried to get into other houses in the area at the same time without success.

The man told the woman a pipe had burst and he needed to come in. He left empty-handed. Police said once the conman had been let into the house he asked the woman to turn a tap on in the kitchen while he went to flush a toilet.

After a short time, the man returned to the kitchen and told her he was going to check on her neighbours and then left the property.

Detective Constable David Bettison said: "Thankfully nothing was stolen during this incident but we are treating this as a distraction burglary as we believe the man entered the home under false pretences with the intention of taking something."

The man is described as white, of broad build with a round face.

Working

He was clean-shaven and wearing a green baseball cap, dark jacket, black trousers and grey, dirty looking trainers. He was also wearing green or blue gloves and spoke with a foreign accent.

Detective Constable Bettison added: "We believe he may have been working with two men who went to other addresses in the street, but were not allowed inside any properties. These men are both described as white, in their 20s, 5ft 8ins and were wearing baseball caps. One of the men had sandy coloured hair while the other had longer, dark hair.

"All three men were seen leaving the area in a silver car, which looked like a Ford Mondeo. I would urge anyone who saw these men or have been approached in a similar way in Oswestry recently, to contact us."

The police said distraction burglars often posed as water board officials and deliberately targeted the elderly and other vulnerable people.

They are urging people with elderly friends or relatives to remind them not to open their doors to strangers and to contact the police straight away on 101 if a caller turns up claiming to be from the 'water board'.

Anyone with information can call Detective Constable Bettison on 0300 333 3000, quoting 412S 210912.

by Chrissy Symmons

Red Lion pub quest includes local inns

A WOMAN on a three-year long pub crawl has stopped off in Oswestry and Ellesmere in her quest to visit every Red Lion in Britain.

Cathy Price, a personal trainer from Preston, embarked upon the challenge in April last year and has so far visited 223 Red Lion pubs, with around 400 more to go.

She ticked off two more on her hit-list last Friday when she visited Red Lions in Oswestry and Ellesmere.

The 53-year-old said she thought up the challenge after hearing the Red Lion was the most popular name for pubs in Britain.

And she said she hoped to write a book about her adventure once she completed the challenge.

Miss Price said: "There is a huge map on my kitchen wall with each one pinpointed and I take photos of each one. I write notes on every visit and there is a book in progress.

"The project has generated much interest from radio, TV, magazines and newspapers as well as breweries, and groups such as Camra, Cask Marque and Dea Latis.

"I don't have an alcoholic drink in every one because I am often doing the driving but I learn more about each pub and the people around."

Quiz will raise cash for charity

A QUIZ is being held in Oswestry to help raise cash for a cancer charity.

The event will take place on October 10 at The Pedigree in Shrewsbury Road for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Entry for teams of up to four people costs £10 per team. Entrants should arrive at 7.45pm for a prompt start at 8pm,

X Factor star in musical on war poet

X FACTOR contender James Michael is coming to Oswestry after taking the lead role in the West End show based on the life of war poet Wilfred Owen.

The singer, who was featured in series eight of the ITV show, will be heading the cast of Bullets and Daffodils when it is performed at The Ironworks, in Church Street, on October 28 from 7.30pm.

Mr Michael, who was seen on TV clashing with judge Gary Barlow over a song choice, will be taking the lead role in the show written by Birkenhead songwriter Dean Johnson.

Organisers say the production is a passionate tribute to Wilfred Owen and will be full of music, dance and spoken word.

Mr Johnson said: "A unique element to the drama's script are world exclusive extracts from newly discovered Owen family letters, kept secret until now."

The musical was premièred at The Ironworks two years ago and its return to the venue as part of the 'Wilfred Was Here' tour.

Wilfred Owen was born in the town's Wilmot in 1893.

Some supporters of the poet are now planning to make Oswestry the venue for Wilfred Owen Day, due to take place for the first time on October 9.

Tickets for Bullets and Daffodils will cost £6 for a standard ticket or £4 for concessions.

School roof is leaking again

Carreghofa pupils Ellie Kilvert, from Year Five, and Edward Breeze, from Year Six.

PUPILS and teachers are reaching for buckets as recent rainfall has seen the unwelcome return of a leaking roof.

Teachers at Carreghofa Primary School, in Llanymynech, are calling for help after leaking roofs in two demountable buildings at the school have been causing misery.

Water was first seen dripping through the roof in March or April time this year and, on Monday, wet weather saw the leak return.

Dawn Jones, who teaches year 5 and 6 at the school, said: "Every time it rains then the water comes through. There is a leak in two classrooms and causes health and safety issues as it makes floors slippy."

She said the demountable rooms have been at the school for about 10 years and Powys County Council has patched up the roof but the leak continues to let in water.

A spokesperson for Powys County Council said: "The council has a significant schools maintenance programme and spends more than £1 million every year. All projects are based on priority and available funding."

NEWS in brief

Home-Start will launch a course

THE Home-Start North Shropshire and Oswestry group will launch a new course next month looking for volunteers to give practical support to struggling families in the area.

The Volunteers Preparation Course is open to organisations and individuals that help local families by offering friendship, support and practical help within their own home.

People who take part only need to have some parenting experience, should not be judgmental and have a friendly and caring attitude.

The family support charity will also offer people the chance to gain accredited qualifications.

The new course will start on October 11 in Oswestry. For more information call (01948) 890458.

Coffee morning hosted by club

A MACMILLAN coffee morning will be held in the Whittington Senior Citizens Club tomorrow, Friday from 10.30am until noon.

There will be a bring and buy stall, cakes and preserves and a chocolate tombola. Admission is by donation.

Each year Macmillan holds The World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

Similar events on Friday will be held at The Wynnstay in Oswestry and at Walford and North Shropshire College.

Copper piping is taken from home

COPPER piping has been stolen from a house being renovated alongside the Montgomery Canal.

Police have launched a investigation after the piping was taken from the towpath house in Berriew.

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High hopes that IT project could lead way for job club

THE launch of a new IT project in Gobowen could be the first step in establishing a dedicated job club in the village, delighted councillors have said.

The Gobowen IT Learning Project has been launched at the Pavilion on St Martins Road and will run every Thursday morning. A team of volunteers have agreed to attend the sessions and give villagers lessons on how to job hunt on the internet as well as how to find the best online deals for shopping and car insurance.

The initiative is supported by both Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council and Shropshire Council. Shropshire Councillor for the area Trevor Davies said the new venture would offer additional support to those who needed help in accessing the internet.

He said: "This is a fantastic resource. Many people, particularly those on low income or without jobs, don't have access to the internet or broadband.

"They can come here and the volunteers will help them search for jobs and use the internet."

Parish councillor John Thorpe said he hoped the project would lead to a the establishment of a job club in the village.

He said: "People without jobs are having to go to Oswestry. They may as well come here and we can help them look for jobs.

"We can also help them create a CV. Many 16-year-olds don't have a CV or access to the internet. We can do the CV with them and help them look for jobs or training.

"I am in talks now with the job centre in Oswestry to see if we can develop this into a village job club."

Parish clerk Penny O'Hagan said she had been encouraged by the initial response.

She said: "It has been positive. We had quite a few people come in to have a look.

"A lot of them filled in forms asking them what they would like to see offered in the future so we know how this can be developed in the future.

"It is early days and I think we will gather interest as we run it every week."

From back, parish councillor John Thorpe, Robert Macey from the parish council, parish clerk, Penny O'Hagan, co-ordinator, Phil Crow, and IT project volunteer Nigel Thomas.

by Graham Breeze

Pylon plan will hit town tourism

THE residents of Llanfyllin have been urged to 'wake up' to the impact plans for a 30-mile power line will have on the town's tourism industry.

The town's Powys County Councillor Peter Lewis said the pylon plans would 'plague' the area and called for residents to support campaigners fighting against the National Grid proposals.

National Grid wants to build the 400,000 volt line from Cefn Coch, near Llanfair Caereinion to Lower Frankton near Oswestry. The energy group says the route could run underground and on pylons and cost up to £562million to construct by 2015.

But Councillor Lewis told the latest meeting of Llanfyllin Town Council: "Llanfyllin needs to wake up to the effect it could have should the windfarms get planning approval and National Grid are successful in getting the line through the area.

"This would be like a plague coming through Montgomeryshire."

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35ft-long pedigree of family on show

A 35ft piece of history has been put on display at a castle for the first time.

Chirk Castle has unveiled The Myddelton Pedigree, a family tree, which traces the family's ancestry from the late 17th century back through the lines of Welsh princes, kings and ancient British rulers.

Fully unrolled it is 35ft long and is made up of 19 sheets of handmade paper covered in brightly coloured coats of arms with graphite, water colour, iron gall inks, gold and silver decorations.

It is thought to have been made to commemorate Sir Thomas Myddelton III becoming a baronet in 1660. It celebrates the Welsh blood lines of English and British Kings such as Cadwaladr and Henry Tudor. Experts say it seems to have had corrections and annotations added at later dates.

The pedigree has undergone conservation work to prevent any further erosion.

This work has been carried out thanks to a grant from the National Manuscripts Conservation Trust fund, a donation from Chirklands National Trust members association and property raffle ticket sales.

Carolyn Latham, house & visitor services manager, said: "It's fantastic to have this beautiful historically important document out on display."

Green belt homes plan revealed by developer

PLANS FOR a £9 million housing development on part of the green belt between Oswestry and Morda have been unveiled by developer, David Wilson Homes.

The company has pledged to create an area of public open space if the project is given the go ahead.

More than 80 homes would be built on land between Love Lane and Morda Close – an area which has proved controversial in the past when developments have been mooted.

Shropshire Council is considering the land's use and housing needs of Oswestry through the Core Strategy process.

by Sue Austin

David Wilson Homes says its development would provide new jobs and economic benefits for the local community.

The 85 new homes would include terraced, semi-detached and detached houses with 11 affordable properties for locals.

"The area of land situated to the south could be an attractive landscaped feature, potentially dedicated as public open space, which could include improved public access links," a spokesman said.

"Importantly, the retention of this undeveloped green space will ensure the proposed residential development remains contained, maintaining the physical separation between Morda and Oswestry.

"Love Lane, an important local route, this would remain undisturbed by the proposed development."

The housing company has called for feedback on its plans to be received by October 10.

Earlier this year Shropshire Council unveiled plans to build 16,000 new homes across the county under SAMDev (Site Allocations and Management of Development plan).

In Oswestry, the scheme has already caused concern with fears that plans for homes at the foot of the hill fort could ruin its setting. The SAMDev development plan suggests 80 new homes off Gobowen Road and 25 at Oldport Farm on Gobowen Road.

New museum chief talks on town history

HISTORY fans are being urged to attend a talk by the curator of Oswestry's new museum on Saturday.

Mark Hignett will give a talk at Shirehall in Shrewsbury from 2pm to 2.30pm as part of Discover Shropshire Day.

Oswestry Town Museum was among many buildings which took part in the nationwide Heritage Open Weekend earlier this month.

Visitors found out more about the history of the town and learned more about how the museum came into existence.

More than 3,000 people have visited the museum at Oswestry Guildhall since it opened in March.

The museum at the Guildhall on the Bailey Head in Oswestry records the history of the town and stories of its residents.

Brewing up funds

A COFFEE morning was held at the Cabin Lane Whole Life Centre in Oswestry on Saturday. Funds raised went to the Macmillan appeal and Lingen Davies. Eight-year-old Melissa Huxley eyes up the biscuits at the event.

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NEWS in brief

Fresh plans in new homes bid

FRESH plans have been lodged to develop an area of land on the edge of Oswestry town centre for new homes.

A previous application for six homes on land on Oswald's Well Lane was rejected by councillors last year and that decision was upheld by a planning inspector in February.

Developers say their revised scheme, which will see five homes built on the site, addresses concerns about the previous plans.

The developers were outlining their plans to Oswestry town councillors during a planning committee last night.

Annual getaway for town club

MEMBERS of Oswestry Senior Citizens Club are heading to Bournemouth next month for their annual getaway.

The group's turkey and tinsel holiday will see members travel to the south coast of England for five days from October 29.

They will be staying at The Glendevon Hotel. The cost is £195 plus a small single supplement. To book call Ian Morris on 01691 680202.

Race fundraiser

A race night in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind charity will be held at Oswestry Cricket Club tomorrow, Friday. Tickets are £5 to include light refreshments.

Businesses asking their MP for support with funds bid

BUSINESS people in Oswestry have written to their MP asking for support in a bid to win £10,000 cash to help promote the town and increase visitors.

Oswestry Chamber of Commerce entered a competition to win a share of £1.5 million in the Portas Pilot scheme. It hoped to use the cash to fund ideas on how to revitalise the town centre as part of an initiative by retail guru Mary Portas.

The town's chamber missed out on the first and second round of the scheme but it has not given up on its visions to see the high street improved.

by Graham Breeze

Now chamber chairman, Martin Anderson, has written to Owen Paterson, MP for north Shropshire, asking him to support their efforts of becoming a Portas Town Team partner, which could see get them hold of £10,000.

He wants Mr Paterson to send a registration form for the cash to MP Grant Shapps, minister for housing and local government.

Mr Anderson said: "It is good news. We still have a chance to get the money.

"The things we put in the Portas report was really good. I am really hopeful."

The chamber has been working with Footfall Community Partnership, and the town and county councils to put a bid in and are keen to see ideas continue.

The groups want to use cash to create a 'Year in the Life of Oswestry' film throughout 2013 to be put on to a CD and used to promote the town further afield.

Members would borrow low cost video cameras to create video footage of activities during the year. These would be edited into a feature length film to create a living history of the town.

A statement about the idea on the registration form read: "This will demonstrate to residents and non-residents the extraordinary range of activities that can, and could, take place in Oswestry."

Mr Anderson said: "It will be a memory, a living memory of all the things that goes on in the town."

Film screening during singing

AN apple day is being planned for Oswestry with an open-air singing performance.

Film-screening company Kinokulture will be putting up a large screen by Powis Hall, in Bailey Head, on October 20 as part of the town's apple day celebrations.

As dusk falls a choir will assemble on the steps of the Powis market hall at 6.30pm for a live, open air performance of the song, 'Supermarket', composed by Oswestry's Neil Phillips.

Projected above the performers will be a series of films interpreting the 12 songs. The choir, conducted by Barry Edwards, will be singing about the changing face of food supply and shopping culture.

Market traders, shops, cafes and pubs are being encouraged to take part in the day's celebrations by offering apple-related products, food and drink.

Cambrian Railways Orchard Project will be highlighting the progress of the community orchard in Oswestry.

Library gears up for stories

THE autumn programme of Time to Listen sessions for adults is starting at Oswestry Library. The sessions are free and feature great stories read aloud by library staff. Session start at 2pm on October 9, 16 and 23 and on November 6 and 20, and December 4 and 18. For more information contact the library on (01691) 677388 or email *oswestrylibrary@shropshire.gov.uk*. Getting ready for the sessions is assistant librarian Dani Roberts. *Picture: Peter Flemmich.*

Car park plan sent to council meeting

BLUE badge holders will be prevented from parking on one of Oswestry's most congested streets under new council plans.

Town councillors were being asked last night if they supported Shropshire Council's plans for Smithfield Road.

There are already double yellow lines, although blue badge holders - drivers of passengers with severe mobility problems - are allowed to park for up to three hours.

Shropshire Council is considering introducing a no loading restriction which will prevent anyone, including disabled drivers, parking on the town centre road.

George Candler, the council's north area director, said in a letter to Oswestry Town Council that he had discussed the proposal with council leader Keith Barrow.

Mr Candler said: "We have previously considered the introduction of a no loading restriction from Monday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm, on Smithfield Road, which would prevent blue badge holders from parking at this location during this time period.

"However, this was not progressed at that time due to possible development proposals that were put forward for the Central Car Park.

"As these development proposals are no longer going ahead, we are happy to reconsider."

Reservoir plan is discussed by council

PLANS by Severn Trent to create a new reservoir on the outskirts of Oswestry were being discussed by town councillors last night.

The firm says its plans would safeguard water supplies to residents.

The company has lodged an application with Shropshire Council for permission to construct the new reservoir, along with a pump kiosk, generator and fuel tank.

It wants it to be on land next to its current reservoir on Mount Road in Oswestry.

The proposed reservoir is essential in providing security of water supply to the area, according to planning papers lodged by the water company in support of its bid.

The new reservoir would be about 46m long, 32m wide and 5m deep and would be sited on land which is currently used as a low level reservoir.

Although the final planning decision will be taken by Shropshire Council, Oswestry Town Council has been consulted on the plans.

Town councillors will discuss the proposal at their development and planning committee meeting on Wednesday.

The talks start at 7pm and will be held at the Guildhall.

Shropshire Council hopes to determine the application by October 3.

Margaret Thrower has high praise for In Bloom entrants

ONE OF Shropshire's best known gardeners had high praise for the people of Oswestry when she handed out the town's In Bloom certificates and trophies at the weekend.

Margaret Thrower has been judging the competition for more than a decade and this year had to give up two days of her time to tour the ever increasing number of entries.

Miss Thrower had particular praise for the schools and young people getting involved in gardening as she handed over trophies to teachers from Holy Trinity School, the Marches and to the gardener and groundsman at Oswestry School and Bellan House.

"I think the wildlife gardens in particular are so important because they teacher the children about nature and how to look after our world," she said.

"Oswestry is a lovely town, enhanced by the wonderful floral decorations and all the hard work of those who live and work here."

Among the community awards winners were the Oswestry Senior Citizens' Club, the Station Building and neighbours Andy Hanmer and Dave Bennett, who have transformed gardens in Swan Lane.

In the residential awards there were no less than five entrants from one street – Hampton Fields – leaving some of them to call for a best street award for next year.

by Sue Austin

Harold and Jean Tomley won awards for their back and front gardens in Hampton Fields. Mrs Tomley said: "I do the weeding and sweeping up but it is Harold who grows everything, mostly from seed. We moved here 13 years ago. Many of our neighbours have lovely gardens."

Several residents of Regent's Court won certificates and awards and one of the main commercial awards went to Chapel Court, which connects English Walls to Church Street. Owners Nick and Angela O'Conner have won for the last seven years.

Outstanding effort by contest's trophy winners

TROPHY winners in the Oswestry In Bloom 2012 Awards were:

The George & Audrey Pritchard Trophy for the best kept school – Oswestry School. The Fastrack Shield for outstanding work by young people – Holy Trinity Church Of England Primary School.

The V & A Award for the best community premises – Oswestry Station Building. The Town Council Trophy for the best residential bedded out front garden – Susan Lloyd, 2 Llanforda Rise.

Oswestry & District Civic Society Shield for the best all year colour front garden – Mr & Mrs B. Davies, Westrock, 3 Llanforda Mead. Systems Workshop Forge Recording Studio Shield for the best evergreen front garden – Mr and Mrs Jones, The Marches, 7 Park Drive.

The Avery Plaque for the best residential rear garden – Mr and Mrs Tomley, 55 Hampton Fields. The Wren Shield for the best residential courtyard/patio – Mr and Mrs Gough, Raven Cottage, 2 Lower Brook Street.

The Advertizer In Bloom Trophy for the best residential balcony – Maureen Williams, 16 Regent Court. Oswestry & District Licensed Victuallers Association Trophy for the best licensed premises – joint winner: The Oswestrian & Ye Olde Vaults.

The R & B Horticultural Services Award for the best display of hanging baskets – Jo Hughes, 31 Whittington Road. The Engraving Plus Trophy for the best commercial premises (industrial estate) – Milklink.

The Advertizer Salver for the best dressed window (town centre) – Gooseberry. The In-Comm Trophy for the best commercial premises (town centre) – Old Chapel Court. Special Award for the best wildlife area – Oswestry School.

Front left to right, councillor Betty Gull and Margaret Thrower, with the Oswestry in Bloom winners at the Guildhall in Oswestry. *Picture: Peter Flemmich.*

NEWS in brief

Bid to build new garage succeeds

GOBOWEN is to get its own car sales and repairs garage for the first time in more than 15 years.

Approval has been given by Shropshire Council to an application to change a former window firm into a garage and MOT centre.

Applicant Lee Ford asked for permission to change the premises, on By Pass Road.

Mr Ford said: "Gobowen has been without a garage for some 15 years and I would like to offer the people of the village and surrounding villages this service."

Fashion show is in aid of charity

A FASHION show will be held at Oswestry Golf Club in November for Cancer Research UK.

The fundraiser has been organised by Karen Morris town fashion store Just The Right Thing.

Tickets for the November 12 event, at £10, will include a glass of wine and nibbles and are available from the shop or members of the Cancer Research UK committee. The show starts at 7.30pm.

Council meeting

THE NEXT meeting of Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council will be on October 10 at the Pavilion, St Martins Road, Gobowen. Meetings usually start at 7pm. The first 15 minutes is for public participation.

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Why do we grind to halt when weather changes?

BREEZE ABOUT TOWN
with Graham Breeze

THE rain fell on Shropshire and Mid Wales this week and surprise, surprise there were chaotic scenes.

Why is it that every time we get weather extremes the country grinds to a halt?

Countries with far more severe climates seem to cope okay with heavy snow, frost, rain and wind while we in the UK find our lives turned upside down by the smallest change in weather conditions.

Only a few months ago we were being warned to face the worst droughts the country had ever seen and now we find our reservoirs overflowing and our routes to work blocked by floodwater.

Luckily the rain eased and the floods quickly subsided but don't relax just yet. The first snow of the winter could be just around the corner and we all know what that means.

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THE Wales Air Ambulance is appealing for support again as the plight to keep its helicopters in the air continues. It never ceases to amaze me why the three helicopters are not fully funded and the organisation is forced to rely so much on money from members of the public to stay in the skies.

Are they not the most essential arm of our brilliant rescue services, constantly needed to save lives across the country and providing such an amazing service?

How many lives have been saved by the teams of paramedics is impossible to calculate but I have heard first hand from victims the relief felt by the sight of a helicopter arriving at accident scenes. Those with the power to do so must recognise that this service cannot continue to be funded by donations and the money must be found to keep these heroes in the air.

Meanwhile the appeal continues with every little bit helping.

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THE COST of the British justice system and the courts in particular seems to be spiraling out of control and it's little wonder judging by a scenario that I was involved in this week.

Checking with the crown court office to establish the start time for a trial I wished to cover for the Chronicle I was told that the case had been delayed at the request of the defence team a week earlier.

The problem was that the court had forgotten to inform West Mercia Police or the prosecution team who were all preparing themselves for a court appearance yesterday.

It appears my call to them then sparked off a bit of an enquiry and not everyone is too amused.

The cost of employing highly paid barristers and covering witness costs will have shot up as the result of someone's error.

The question is – how many times does this sort of thing happen?

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IF YOU ever get the chance to drive a Bentley be prepared to be patient because other motorists will certainly treat you differently.

This week I have been at the wheel of a Bentley Continental Convertible for my Drivetime column and while heads turned everywhere to see this splendid £166,000 model no-one was prepared to give way at junctions. It seems you may well look the part but the rest of the country's motorists have a different attitude when it comes to being courteous to Bentley drivers.

Ah well it's back to the Focus this week!

Counting the cost of the catastrophic flash-floods

Worries as the water rises at Gobowen. *Picture: Peter Flemmich.*

A school bus from Llanfyllin High School breaks down in the floods on the B4393 between Llanfyllin and Llanfechain on Monday afternoon. *Picture: Ron Kyte.*

RESIDENTS and businesses on the Shropshire/Powys border have been counting the cost of flash-flooding which caused chaos this week.

Shropshire was the worst-hit area in the entire country, with 71mm (2.8in) of rain falling within a 24-hour period.

Sandbags were brought out after wet weather flooded a road in a village near Oswestry forcing motorists to find another route.

Rainwater flowed down the B5069 in Gobowen causing floods that were, at some points, knee-deep.

Councillor David Lloyd said the village only got floods like this once every four or five years.

Shropshire Council decided to close the road between the railway crossing and the A5 Oswestry bypass on Monday afternoon and a diversion route was put in place.

Sandbags

The authority sent officers to the Hengoed Road to put out sandbags to try and divert water. Floorboards were put down on the road.

A resident, who did not want to be named, said she could see the road flooding from her home nearby. She said people were helping to direct traffic.

"They were up to their knees," she said. "I have not seen it like this before."

Councillor Lloyd said the villagers start to get a little concerned when the waters start to reach the railway crossing.

A school bus from Llanfyllin High School broke down in flood water on the B4393 between Llanfyllin and Llanfechain on Monday afternoon.

John Evans, from Powys County Council, said the council received a courtesy call from the bus company about the incident.

They told the council that the busses were not completely stuck and that the flood caused a slight delay in getting the children home.

"We had a call from the bus company. They had trouble with flooding but sorted it themselves. They called in case any parents worried that the bus was late."

Several of the county's rivers were on flood alert, including the Severn Vyrnwy Confluence .

Environment Agency officials warned several roads were affected by flooding including the Melverley Green and Bontain roads with flood warnings in place on the River Vyrnwy at Melverley and Maesbrook.

Rail passengers faced delays as Arriva Trains Wales services between Knighton and Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and Birmingham and Hereford and Shrewsbury were disrupted due to flooding. There were also delays on the Chester to Shrewsbury line.

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CAN COMPANY THAT IS TAKING OVER MAKE US REDUNDANT?

Q: The company I work for is about to be taken over by a bigger company that is planning to move part of its operation onto our site. If they bring their own workers with them there will be too many people for the jobs and my colleagues and I are concerned that we will be the ones to be made redundant. We don't belong to a Union. What should we do?

A: The Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (TUPE) offers employees protection against redundancy which comes about as a direct result of business transfer. In other words, the new company cannot make you redundant just because it takes over the firm you work for and decides to bring its own staff with it. Also, if an employee is asked to sign a new contract it must offer the same benefits as the old one. If it doesn't, they should not sign it.

TUPE is however a technical minefield and it is not unknown for new management to try and sidestep the legislation. They might for example offer a cash sum as a 'consideration' in exchange for accepting new contractual terms. Or they might offer alternative employment at another site, knowing it is not feasible for the employee to take it.

There are also exceptions which override TUPE protection, for example where there is an economic, technical or organisational reason for dismissal or redundancy. This could relate to the profitability or market performance of the purchasing company's business, or to the nature of equipment or production processes they operate, or to the management or organisational structure of their business.

Further information relating to this question is available from Nicholas Kennan, a Solicitor Advocate with GHP Legal. For information relating to any other legal matter please call GHP Legal on 01691 659194, visit www.ghplegal.co.uk or attend one of our FREE legal diagnostic clinics every Wednesday 12-3pm (no appointment necessary).

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Royal Mail is just the latest for the chop

THE Tote, British Steel, British Petroleum (BP), Rolls Royce, Cable & Wireless, British Airways, British Aerospace, British Gas and Britoil, British Telecom, Jaguar, British Coal, Water, Electricity and British Rail.

All have been privatised since we joined the EU.

Privatisation brings privatised monopolies instead of nationalised monopolies and they have shareholders whose interests come before customers.

Royal Mail is just the latest for the chop. It lost its monopoly on January 1, 2006 and private operators did not want high-cost, labour intensive deliveries to 28m addresses six days a week.

They asked for, and were given, the only profitable part of Royal Mail – bulk business collections. Royal Mail is consolidating.

It recently sold Rathbone Place in Central London for £130m. Its 12-acre Mount Pleasant site is forecast to net at least £1bn. It is estimated Royal Mail has at least 100 more such sites including Shrewsbury's Castle Foregate.

Do you see now why it has to be privatised?

BOB WYDELL
Oswestry

Difficult to understand sentencing

THE youth in our society will find it difficult to comprehend your reported facts (Thursday, September 13) that should you have a 10 year record of drug taking, all the paraphernalia in your home to weigh and package drugs, plus a large amount of cash and have admitted to supplying drugs, it will not be classed as criminal activity if you play cricket!

Instead you will be given a suspended sentence, 100 hours community work and made to attend substance abuse sessions where you will be taught how not to get caught again!

PETE ABLE
Oswestry

Congratulations to Mr Paterson

MAY I offer my congratulations and best wishes to North Shropshire MP, Mr Owen Paterson on taking over an important rural portfolio at the Department for the Environment and Rural Affairs [DEFRA].

In recent times, Mr Paterson has been very critical of wind energy, and reportedly wants to end all wind energy subsidies.

He has campaigned against plans to expand wind energy output in the Powys Hills and the consequential imposition of pylon lines across Shropshire to carry the Welsh wind-generated electricity to the large populations of Lancashire.

Now that he is in a position of power, let us hope that Owen Paterson has the courage to implement that power and vociferously oppose wind energy .

May I also urge your readers,both sides of Offa's Dyke, to lobby Mr Owen Paterson, as well as Montgomery MP, Mr Glyn Davies and ask them to stand firmly together to prevent the senseless desecration of the beautiful Powys /Shropshire area....one of the finest rural areas in the UK.

If wind energy subsidies are drastically cut, there will be far less demand for gigantic wind turbines 475 feet high across the Welsh hills and no consequential need for pylon lines across the rural landscapes of Shropshire.

Come on everyone!! Speak up!!

L J JENKINS
Gwbert
Cardigan

WE'LL keep on trucking this week with a trip down memory lane – well, road actually – in Gobowen, with another contribution from Nigel Walters, of St Martins. This view was, he says, taken in Gobowen some time in the 1980s.

Information sought on family tree

I AM currently tracing my family tree and have found my great grandfather William Biggs (1908-1937) on the 1911 census at Old Farm Cottage Morda living with his father William Benjamin Biggs (1883-1960) and mother Mary Ann (1885-1960) – I believe to be known as Nancy – his brother George Edward and an Ann Edwards, who was either William Benjamin or Mary Ann's aunt.

I am interested in tracing the parents of William Benjamin and of Mary Ann (maiden name unknown).

I would also like to find out if William had any siblings apart from George Edward. Anyone with any information can e-mail me at *gemmamundy@me.com*

GEMMA MUNDY
Manchester

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We need facts over trial badger cull

TO Owen Paterson MP, it has been reported in the Press that you are for the trial badger cull about to be embarked upon, being yourself convinced of badgers' implication as a carrier in the transmission of bovine TB.

You have obviously studied the evidence for this to come to your conviction and conclusion. I would be grateful if you could inform me what percentage of badgers are thought to be carriers, what evidence this is based upon and what percentage of roadside killed badgers and injured ones are found to carry this disease?

It would be very remiss of the Government if this cull has been approved and they cannot provide these figures or not taken the care to gather this important information.

JUNE MCCARTHY
Oswestry

Driven out by cost of car parking

SHROPSHIRE Council presides over a postcode lottery, regarding parking charges.

In SY11 you pay less, in SY1 you get hammered. I park on a yellow line as they don't apply on Sundays. Two pounds or so per hour to park in the week is crazy and unaffordable.

I object to paying for car parks we have paid for many times over, so I don't bother going to Shrewsbury.

I shop at Lidl or Tesco where I can park for free, or at the nice shops in Oswestry (much cheaper to park there) and the rest I do online.

Sorry, Shrewsbury shopkeepers, but it's the council's fault, and until they make their prices cheaper, I'm not coming back.

ED AUSTIN
by e-mail

It's time to stop the wind lobby now

NATIONAL Grid – and The rape of central Wales and north Shropshire.

As you know there is a range of 'natural resources', eg water, slate, coal, oil, gas – and wind. It is the fuel of wind turbines. All of the above 'resources' have been exploited. It is now the turn of wind.

Scotland sells water, it has plenty and a direct line is being considered to England. Wales has plenty of wind – which is not going to be paid for if the wind lobby get its way.

In any case we don't want to sell it because exploitation will cause monetary and aesthetic damage.

Who owns wind? I have heard proponents say "Ah – wind a good resource to exploit – any collateral damage will be slight – and not provable.

"Or perhaps in 20 years time they may do."

They must be stopped.

NORMAN HARRIS
Llanymynech

Keep filling those bags for the BHF

I AM writing to thank you and your readers for the support you've shown so far for British Heart Foundation Shropshire Shops' Great British Bag-athon.

The campaign, throughout September, is huge and we're very grateful to the Shropshire community for getting on board and joining in by bringing bags full of lovely things.

We're hoping to collect 1,000 bags of donated items in Shropshire, which could raise £20,000 to help the fight against heart disease.

I love taking on a challenge and this is something everyone can get involved with.

Filling one bag is great but why not have a really big clear out, or join forces with friends and family to take on a challenge?

It doesn't have to be clothes – quality CDs, DVDs, books, toys, china and ornaments are all welcome.

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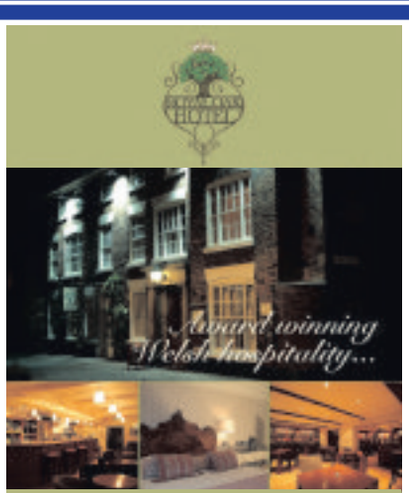

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Outreach centre to hold open day

THE Ponthafren Outreach Centre in Welshpool is holding an open day on October 12.

The event will offer an ideal opportunity to have a look at how the centre functions and inquire about some of the courses it offers.

The day, which will run from 10am to 3pm will feature a bric-a-brac sale and refreshments.

Ponthafren Centre is a registered charity catering for young people who experience mental health issues and those who may be socially isolated or excluded.

TV artist joins in charity evening

TELEVISION artist Charles Evans will be in Berriew next month to help boost a charity night.

Charles, who features regularly on the Discovery Channel will deliver a Watercolour Art Demonstration along with Joanna Campling and Robert Williams from Blue Lion Arts on October 26. The event, at Berriew School from 7.30pm, is for Marie Curie Cancer Care and Llanllugan Church. Tickets are £8.

It's coffee time

A COFFEE morning will be held at Dolanog Community Centre, near Welshpool, on Saturday from 10am to 12.30pm. Stalls will include a wide variety of items for sale.

Air ambulance needs helpers

WELSHPOOL area residents are being urged to support this week's National Air Ambulance Week.

With a base at Welshpool Airport, the Wales Air Ambulance (WAA) is appealing for supporters to get behind the event to help raise awareness and funds.

The Welsh Air Ambulance is an all Wales charity that provides an emergency air ambulance service to the people of Wales, and it has the ability to be anywhere in the country within 20 minutes.

The week recognises the works that the lifesaving helicopter charities do on a daily basis.

by Graham Breeze

The WAA is inviting its supporters from all over Wales to help raise the £600,000 needed to upgrade the charity's third helicopter.

WAA Chief Executive Angela Hughes said: "This year we need help to upgrade our third aircraft to a newer model and keep all three air ambulances flying for Wales. We are just over halfway to our £600,000 target to replace our old helicopter."

"We want to use National Air Ambulance Week to promote how easy it is to get involved and help your local air ambulance," said Ms Hughes.

"There are so many ways to help, from sending a quick text donation or using our free collection service for unwanted goods, to donating a few hours of your time to volunteering."

Last month Welsh opera singer Rhys Meirion persuaded a group of celebrities to join him on a 200-mile walk across Wales via Welshpool Airport.

Arriving at Welshpool – the home of one of the charity's three lifesaving helicopters – Rhys and the seven other core walkers were joined by X Factor finalist Lucie Jones, Wales rugby coach Robin Mcbryde and former CBBC presenter Josie d'Arby.

Welshpool's Royal Oak Hotel also staged a fundraising event with live music from 2009 X Factor finalist Lucie Jones.

For more details call 0844 85 84 999 or visit *http://www.walesairambulance.com*

Disney trip aid for cancer girl

THE people of Welshpool are showing their community spirit by supporting a bid to raise funds to send a five-year-old battling cancer on a holiday to Disneyland, Paris.

Brooke McMahon's plight was highlighted when residents of Oldford got together to form a fund raising committee.

A bingo night at the weekend got things going when £153.50 was raised and this weekend, a charity football match sees a Ricky Lloyd XI take on Welshpool Town FC Veterans with a 2pm kick off at Maesydre.

Other events include a Children's fancy dress disco on Friday October 26 when Mickey and Minnie Mouse will attend. Admission is £1 per person, with an extra charge for photos with Mickey and Minnie.

Nick Davies helped launch the appeal for his neighbour, who has inspired the community through her brave fight against cancer.

Mr Davies said: "I started collecting £2 coins but realised more could be done so we formed a committee to organise events."

After school event is just wild

THE Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust is running a wildlife club after school every Wednesday at the Wildlife Trust in Welshpool. For more information or to book a place, contact Abi Critcher, pictured, on (01938) 555654, or e-mail *abi@montwt.co.uk*

Library's visitors to complete a survey

VISITORS to Welshpool Library will be asked to take part in a national survey to identify trends and gather a snapshot of customer opinion and needs.

Powys County Council's Library Service is taking part in a national survey asking for views on opening hours, staff helpfulness, facilities and the quality of book, computer, multimedia and information services.

The survey which is in English and Welsh starts on October 8 and will last for about two weeks.

Cllr Myfanwy Alexander, Cabinet Member for Learning and Leisure, said: "We know that the people of Powys value their libraries, this survey will give us a chance to make the service even better in future."

Coffee morning event in chapel

THE Welsh Chapel in Welshpool will be holding a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care tomorrow.

The event will be held at the Corn Exchange, Welshpool Town Hall, Broad Street, between 9.30am and 11.30am.

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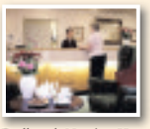

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Six puddings challenge for Powis Castle diners

Mal Fuszara is seen preparing for the pudding evening.

by Graham Breeze

SWEET-toothed visitors to Powis Castle are being asked if they have the stomach for an unusual challenge – eating six puddings in one evening.

Powis Castle, near Welshpool, is hosting the first pudding evening of the year tomorrow, Friday, when throughout the evening guests will be invited to tackle half a dozen sweets as well as a main course and coffee. They then vote on what was the best pudding of the night.

Alison Dyer, from the castle, said: "Are you a pudding fan? If so Lady Henrietta's restaurant is the place for you as the first Powis Pudding Evening of 2012 is held.

"Bring your friends as you tackle no fewer than six puddings throughout the evening.

"There's bound to be heated debate as you get to vote on your favourite pudding and see which is crowned the winner.

"The world famous gardens will be open for Pudding Evening guests, who can walk around the gardens during the evening and then have a go at all the puddings.

"There are three hot and three cold puddings and cheesecakes to eat."

Tickets to the pudding evening cost £21, including a savoury supper, six puddings and coffee. To book a seat call (01938) 551927.

The pudding evening is one of a number of activities taking place at the castle over the next few weeks.

Friends' race night

THE Friends of Maesydre School is holding a race night tomorrow (Friday) at 7pm at the Angel to raise funds to buy play equipment for the school playground.

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Midnight walk set to aid hospices

FIREFIGHTERS in Welshpool will be holding their fourth annual midnight walk to raise cash for charity.

The event will take place on October 6 and will be a five-mile circular walk of the town, leading through Powys Castle and finishing at the fire station.

There will be refreshments at the end of the night.

The walk is in aid of Hope House Children's Hospices.

People taking part will have to fill out a registration form and give a £10 donation. Cheques made payable to Welshpool Firefighters Charity.

The closing date for entries September 29.

Walkers are advised to wear suitable footwear, clothing and bring a torch and refreshments for the walk.

Teams do battle in hotel quiz clash

WELSHPOOL Rotary Club were at home to Newtown in the first round of the district quiz at the Royal Oak Hotel .

After a close-fought match, Newtown were the victors 59 to 45, and go through to the next round.

Questionmaster was Roger Eagles, Tim Platt captained the Welshpool team, and congratulated Newtown on their win.

Antiques valuation event at castle uncovers star finds

TWO star finds were made by experts during a charity antiques valuation evening held at Powys Castle.

A silver George I tankard was valued at up to £4,000 and an Elkington patinated bronze renaissance style shield was thought to be worth up to £5,000 when they were examined at Powis Castle in Welshpool by a team of six experts from fine art auctioneers Halls in Shrewsbury.

They attended an Antiques Roadshow-type event held to raise cash for conservation work at the National Trust property. And there were a number of other interesting finds.

by Graham Breeze

Valuers saw a silver punchbowl which was won by late shire horse owner Joseph Jones, of Berriew, for five consecutive years at Montgomeryshire Show from 1951-56.

His daughter, Margaret, was delighted to receive a £2,000 valuation from Maryanne Linneker-Mobberley, Halls' silver specialist.

Other items included a cast metal anti-slavery tobacco box from 1770 worth up to £500, a group of Chinese ivory items valued at up to £1,000, a pair of mid 18th century bronze socket sticks worth up to £1,200, a solitaire diamond ring worth up to £500 and a wide variety of pottery and porcelain, including commemorative wares.

People were charged £1 for each item valued. The night was said to be well attended and declared a success by the castle's managers.

Halls' fine director Jeremy Lamond said it was an enjoyable evening and thanked the people for supporting the event.

"Welshpool and the Welsh border area have been a very happy hunting ground for Halls over the years and they continue to produce many valuable items," he said.

Kathryn Pollock, Powis Castle's retail manager said: "It was great to see such a good turnout for the event and I hope that everyone enjoyed it.

"This is one of our first autumn winter events for 2012 and hopefully the others will appeal as much as this one. "

Margaret Jones shows Halls' silver specialist Maryanne Linneker-Mobberley the large silver punchbowl, which was won by her late father, Joseph.

Family fun ride an inspiration

AS PART of Welshpool Town Council's celebration of the Tour of Britain visiting the town Hafren Cycling Club, along with Brooks Cycles, organised a family fun ride at Powis Castle to inspire the next generation of budding cyclists.

The sun shone on the 26 riders as they followed in the previous day's Tour of Britain wheel tracks which included cycling legends such as Mark Cavendish and local hero Yanto Barker,who was brought up in Machynlleth, riding for UK Youth.

With the focus on fun, riders were treated to the stunning scenery of the grounds of the castle as they were set off by the town's mayor on their first of many 1.3 mile laps.

Refreshments were provided by Brooks Cycles and certificates by the Welshpool Town Council.

Concert features ensemble of singers

WELSHPOOL Methodist Church will be the venue for a concert of vocal and instrumental music on Saturday, October 6.

The concert features Colla Voce, an ensemble of five members: Sue Rawlings (soprano); Georgina Ryder (alto); Mike Rawlings (tenor); David Lewis (bass) and accompanist Ann Jones. The all live and work in Shropshire.

Formed over 10 years ago, the group travels the Midlands and across the border to give concerts to help raise funds for good causes, and has a varied repertoire, ranging from songs from the shows to Gilbert and Sullivan, operetta and opera.

Also appearing with Colla Voce will be 17-year-old Conor Gricmanis, a talented young musician and sixth form student at Bishop's Castle Community College.

Conor plays no less than 12 instruments, composes and arranges music, leads his own string quartet, and is singing one of the leading roles, Frederic, in Newtown Musical Theatre's production of The Pirates of Penzance at Theatr Hafren later in October.

Tickets for the concert, which starts at 7.30pm are £5, and can be reserved on (01938) 850514. They are also available at the door. All profit will go to the church's development fund.

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Trisha's in Oswestry.

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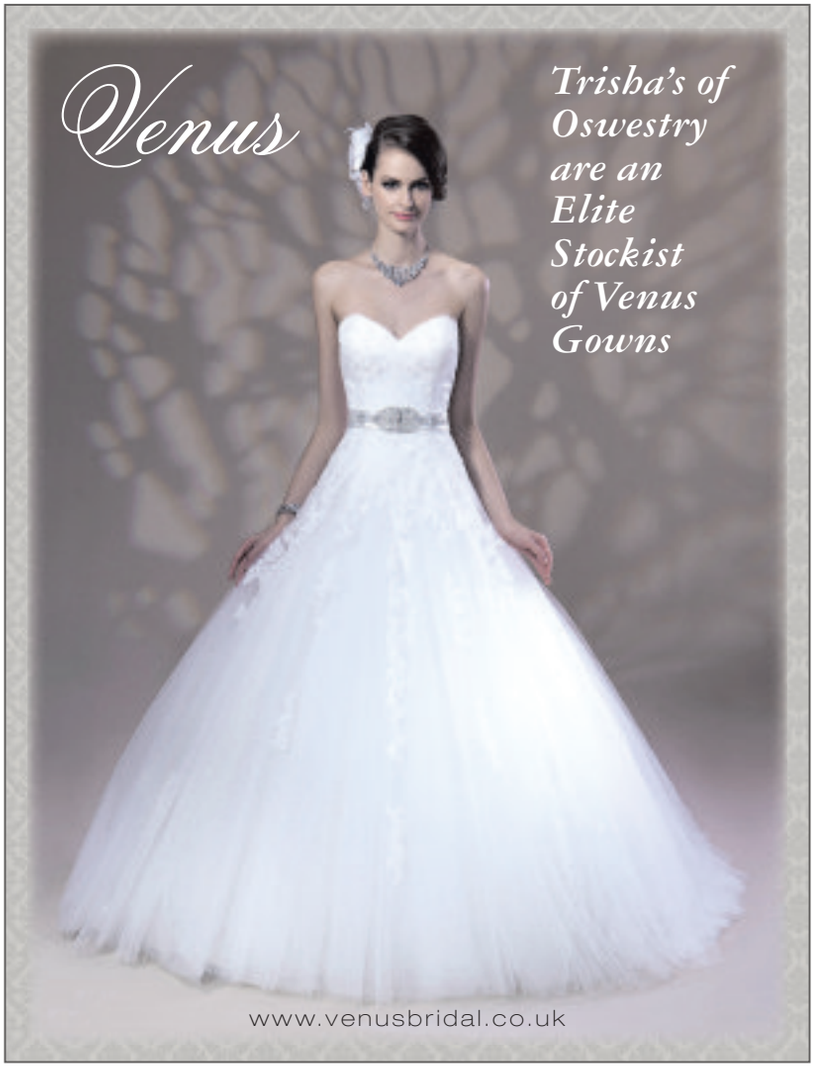

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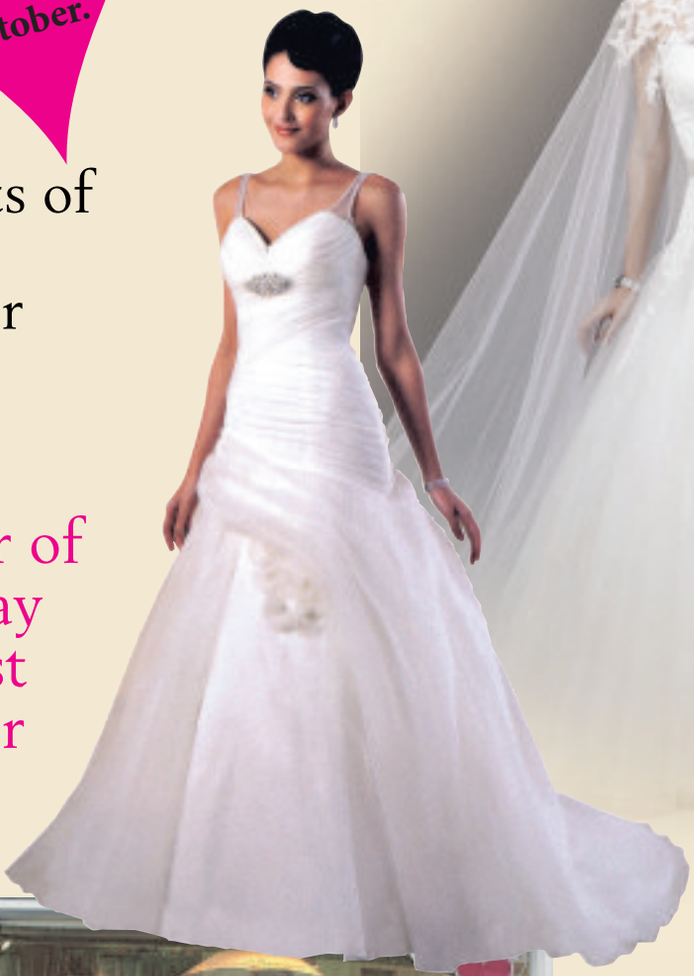

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NEWS in brief

Good beer guide names village pub

A VILLAGE pub in Shropshire has been named in the 2012 Good Beer Guide.

Staff at The Talbot Country Inn, in Ruyton-XI-Towns, said they were pleased to find they had been put in the book.

A spokesperson for the pub said: "We are really pleased to again be part of The Good Beer guide this year."

The pub also offers live music. On September 30 guitarist Chris Quinn will be performing, October 28 is Andy O'Brien from Shrewsbury and on November 25 Synergy will be playing live.

Concert cash for children's fund

A CONCERT to raise funds for the NSPCC children's charity will be held in the Llanyblodwel and Porthywaen Memorial Hall on October 19.

The evening has been organised by the Welsh borders branch of the NSPCC. Among those taking to the stage will be the well known tenor, Trebor Edwards, together with the Llansilin Choir and compere Sara James.

Tickets are available on (01691) 648417.

Singer on the bill

A SINGER/songwriter from Oswestry will perform in the town. Libby Gliksman will sing at The Walls on October 19 from 8.30pm. Tickets cost £25.

Tiger Moth takes to the sky for Battle of Britain event

The historic Tiger Moth plane flies over the Old Three Pigeons pub.

Lots of visitors enjoyed the day.

Arial West, with a 1902 Burrell traction engine.

Visitor Tom Evans, takes a look at a Rover 10.

Liz Severs and Andy Andrews with raffle prizes.

AN historic Tiger Moth plane stole the show at an annual flypast held to commemorate the Battle of Britain.

by Graham Breeze

About 300 people visited The Old Three Pigeons pub in Nesscliffe on Saturday to see historic planes and helicopters take to the Shropshire skies.

Organiser Dennis Severs, a former RAF serviceman, described the event as "fantastic." He said: "It really was a wonderful day. We had all sorts of aircraft there including Griffin helicopters that are used in training at RAF Shawbury.

"They really put on a great display. But I think the highlight for many was seeing the Tiger Moth. It's an incredible biplane that was built in the 1930s."

Alongside the aircraft spectators enjoyed a show of more than 20 classic cars and motorbikes as well as stalls, a barbecue, auction and raffle.

Mr Severs said: "I think we had more people, more aircraft and more attractions than ever before. This was the fourth year we have held the event and I think each one gets slightly better. We started at around 1pm and finished at 6pm. We had lots of uniformed personnel there and music from the 1940s was played throughout the day.

"It was a fantastic day and one I thoroughly enjoyed. It may only have just finished but I'm already making plans and thinking about next year."

Ross Conqueror, from the pub, said: "It was a really good day. We had hundreds of people come along, the drinks were flowing and everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves.

"We had lots of kids here who had a great time. Everyone was talking about the Tiger Moth and when a collection of helicopters landed.

"I think everyone enjoyed being outside, looking at some classic aircraft and having a barbecue."

The event was held to commemorate the 72nd anniversary of The Battle of Britain.

Mr Severs added: "The Battle of Britain was the name given to the Second World War air campaign waged by the German Air Force against the United Kingdom during the summer and autumn of 1940. It's so important it's remembered."

He said the event raised £840 which will be donated to the RAF Association.

Campaign to tackle problems with litter

EFFORTS to make Llanfyllin more attractive to visitors are being hampered because residents are not keeping the streets tidy, councillors have claimed.

Littering has become such a problem that the town council is to launch a competition for new posters to be designed to encourage residents to keep their town clean.

Llanfyllin Town Council has spent thousands of pounds in trying to encourage tourists to visit and stay longer in the town.

The work has included the extension of the town centre car park and the development of a nature reserve and river walk which is being described as the biggest single project ever carried out by the council.

Plans are also being put together for the redevelopment of Bodfach Field into a visitor attraction.

But councillors have expressed concern that all the hard work might be for nothing because people are not taking enough pride in the town.

They agreed to hold a meeting on how to progress the development of Bodfach Field. The meeting will be held following the resignation of Llanfyllin businessman Mark Rosser from the council. Mr Rosser has been instrumental in driving the project forward.

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Forum's new loos twinned with African village toilets

A VILLAGE'S senior citizens forum is celebrating the revitalisation of its headquarters – a project which has taken five years to complete.

And to mark the latest improvements – the refurbishments of the toilets – the club in Whittington near Oswestry has decided to twin its loos with ones in an African village.

by Graham Breeze

The twinning scheme enables organisations and individuals to make a donation to support the creation of toilet facilities for a village.

Sue Dyke, treasurer for the senior citizens club, said the Whittington toilets were now twinned with those being built in the village of Giharo in Burundi.

The revamp of the club headquarters in Station Road has been a project spanning five years.

The building not only serves as the base for the senior citizens but is also the home of Whittington Youth Club. No fewer than 10 local funding bodies have contributed to the project which started in 2007.

Work began on the 'tired' hall with installing a suspended ceiling which helped to conserve energy and improve the look of the hall.

And it has come to a close with the completion of interior redecorating.

Miss Dyke said that 12 local trades workers and contractors completed the work and many were invited back to help with further phases as the funding was released.

Also heavily involved with the project were members of the Community Payback Team which provided many days of labour at no cost to the club.

"We can now take time out to appreciate what we have achieved. It all started long ago when we invited the youth club to partner with us and use the building. Fortunately that opened funding opportunities for us and also helped to bridge the generation gap in the village," she added.

"The project to redecorate the interior and exterior of the building was made possible with support from the Community Payback Team which provided 300 hours of labour and worked under the guidance of two project workers."

Organist all set to entertain at event

A BLACKPOOL Tower organist will be entertaining music lovers at a fundraising event in Oswestry.

John Bowdler will perform at The Marches School in Oswestry on October 19.

The event, which runs from 7.30pm to 11.30pm, has been organised by well known Oswestry fundraiser Betty Bromley and proceeds will go to the British Heart Foundation.

Guests will be able to dance to Mr Bowdler's music or simply sit and listen to well-known tunes.

Tickets costing £7 are now available from Mrs Bromley on (01691) 653493.

There will be no bar but guests can bring their own food and drink.

Artefacts show for Probus club

ARTEFACTS from World War One were shown to members of Ellesmere Probus Club at their meeting this month.

The club, for retired professional men, enjoyed a talk and slide show by Keith Pritchard speaking about his interest in the conflict.

Members were shown engraved shell cases and barbed wire.

Day nursery celebrates first birthday

Back, left to right: Deb Lovell, Heidi Evans and Sarah Felkin of Little Pixies Nursery. Front: Logan Darbyshire and Lauren Barley.

A CHILDREN'S day nursery launched and developed by two Shropshire mums has celebrated its first birthday.

Sarah Felkin and Debra Lovell launched Little Pixies Nursery at Kinton near Nesscliffe in September last year.

And the new business, described by the mothers as their 'brainchild', has flourished despite the tough economic conditions.

Over the last 12 months children from across all age ranges and an expanded team of qualified staff have arrived.

And new activities have been introduced at the nursery including a new chicken house and an already thriving vegetable patch, which is proving a real hit with the youngsters.

Sarah Felkin said: "We are so proud to be celebrating our first birthday and would like to thank everyone involved.

"So much hard work has gone into starting Little Pixies, and it is so exciting to see our initial idea blossom into a successful business."

Rotarians make day of sport a big success

ROTARIANS in Oswestry lent a helping hand to make a sporting event a success.

Borderland Rotary joined dozens of other Rotarian's across its district at the Twelfth Rotary Disabled Games on the Field of Dreams, Bank of America, in Chester.

The event took place on September 16 for physically and mentally disabled people of all ages.

They were given the opportunity to try Archery, Boccia, Carpet Bowls, Cricket, Darts, New age Kurling, Table Tennis, Tennis and others sports . Each ended the day with a medal being awarded to all.

Borderland once again ran the tennis event Community Chairperson Neil Ruby said "It was great seeing these people having such a good time and the smiles will be something we will all take away from the day".

Borderland club meets on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm at the Sweeney Hall Hotel. More information on *www.borderlandrotary.co.uk*

Poet's class visit

A RENOWNED poet who has worked in over 2,500 schools treated pupils in Ellesmere to a creative poetry session. Writer and influential poet Terry Caffrey visited Ellesmere College to work with pupils in years seven and eight and build their confidence in poetry.

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Meet the police and speak out on issues

PEOPLE are being urged to get involved with their community and attend a meeting with police and council officers.

The Oswestry Local Joint Committee meeting will be taking place at Woodside Primary School hall, in Gittin Street, on September 27 from 7pm.

During the evening there will be a DVD shown about Shropshire Council's new company, ip&e Group, which is being set up to run some services at a profit.

There will also be presentations about the company running the town's leisure centre and the new MyPlace building created by and for youngsters.

Other items on the agenda include an update from the Community Action Team together and funding applications for local groups.

As part of the night the police will hold its Partners and Communities Together meeting with local police officers or community support officers. This is for residents to raise any issues or concerns they have about the town.

A spokesman for the event said: "Local Joint Committees enable people to have their say and get involved in decisions affecting their community.

"This is a good way for people to get involved in decisions."

Inspector says police station to stay open after shake-up

LLANFYLLIN'S police station will not close under a restructuring programme, the area's police inspector has reassured town councillors.

But Inspector Jonathan Tatton admitted he had concerns about the impact the impending closure of Welshpool police station will have on policing.

The inspector was invited to attend a meeting of Llanfyllin Town Council after councillors voiced concerns about a regional wide policing shake-up would have on the area.

by Graham Breeze

Inspector Tatton reassured them there were no plans to shut their station but said the restructuring had seen cuts to the level of service elsewhere.

He said: "I am the inspector for Montgomeryshire. There used to be two inspectors, one in Welshpool and one for Newtown but due to cost reductions it was decided to do a bit of a cull of management rather than a cull of police constables and sergeants. I am based in Newtown.

"The reason they have done that with the management structure is to try to reduce the impact on the front line.

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"Llanfyllin Police Station is not closing. There is no reduction in staff. In fact there is an increase of a new police community support officer.

"But Welshpool station is closing to the public. It is to reduce the overall wage bill because they can reduce the number of police staff.

"Instead there is going to be a mobile police station twice a week there.

"At Welshpool there is a reduction in service, I am not going to hide from the fact, but they have not reduced any police officers.

"They say there won't be a diminishing of service. I am not convinced by that myself but we have to make savings. It's not good. It is a big town Welshpool and they should have people at the front desk but I would rather have it closed than lose officers."

The officer said Dyfed Powys Police's argument for closing Welshpool station's front desk was that footfall from the public was low and people were more inclined to contact officers by phone or email.

Inspector Tatton said Welshpool station would close to the public in November and admitted the public's perception in the Llanfyllin area was that they were not getting the same level of service as other more populated areas such as Welshpool or Newtown. He said: "I am acutely aware that sometimes people probably feel Welshpool or Newtown gets more policing time than they get up here."

The officer said there had been a general reduction of services in rural areas from many organisations including by councils.

He said: "Sometimes we wonder whey we bother paying our council tax but I live in a rural area and I am committed to rural policing."

The inspector also pointed out to councillors that Dyfed Powys Police remained the best performing force in the country, mainly because it was a low crime region. Councillor Peter Lewis said it did seem other areas of Powys were better served by police officers while Llanfyllin Mayor Darren Mayor said the public wanted reassurances the level of policing would not decrease.

Diamond help for ambulance

Back, from left, Ian Lloyd-Jones, from the Midlands Air Ambulance and Albert Walker. Front, from left, Gina Constable, from the Midlands Air Ambulance and Joyce Walker. *Picture: Peter Flemmich.*

A DIAMOND couple raised hundreds of pounds for charity while celebrating their special wedding anniversary.

Joyce Walker, 78, and her husband Albert, 80, have been married for 60 years this month.

The couple, from Knockin, near Oswestry, invited family and friends to a party at The Sweeny Hall, in Morda.

Instead of getting cards and presents, the pair asked for donations for the Midlands Air Ambulance.

Their generous party-goers obliged and helped them to raise £600.

Mr and Mrs Walker's daughter, Sandra Norton, said her parents were surprised by the generosity. They handed a cheque over to the charity this week.

The couple married in Rushbury Church near Much Wenlock in 1952 and are still happily in love.

As well as Sandra they have a son, Malcolm, and two grandchildren.

Mrs Norton said her parents were devoted and looked after each other.

Candidate in force job bid at club talks

A CANDIDATE for the role of police and crime commissioner in West Mercia was the guest speaker at the latest meeting of Oswestry Borderland Rotary Club.

Adrian Blackshaw is the Conservative candidate for the job. The club was told at their meeting last Wednesday that Mr Blackshaw is an organic apple farmer based in Herefordshire having previously held positions in the military and as a consultant in an intelligence role.

Mike Lade, from the rotary club, said: "Adrian's talk was very informative and he outlined the role and responsibilities of the new commissioner."

Mr Lade also thanked rotarians Cliff Wood and Neil Ruby for sorting out donated tools and delivering them to Clun charity Tools for Self Reliance.

Coffee morning at town garage

FUNDRAISERS in Powys are joining in with the World's Biggest Coffee Morning. People are invited to the garage forecourt of T M and CP Foulkes, in Adfa, on Friday.

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School is proud to offer a range of activities to interest all its pupils

Head teacher Douglas Robb and one of the new buses in the school fleet.

Oswestry School pupil Chris Jones shares time with a young pupil from Bellan House at Forest School.

Jasmine Tickner and Katie Tomley, two Poultry Club students.

IS there any school in the area which offers such parent-friendly and flexible hours as Oswestry School?

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Trying to juggle working lives with getting children to and from school is not easy for families, a fact not lost on Oswestry's headmaster Douglas Robb.

Mr Robb explained that the school is delighted to now offer wraparound care which is available to all children at both the senior school and the prep department, Bellan House.

"With record pupil numbers, our fleet of buses has been extended, as have our pick-up

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and drop-off routes which go far into Mid Wales," said Mr Robb.

"We now have seven buses in the fleet and we have a far-reaching network of routes reaching as far afield as Newtown, Kerry, Llangollen, Wrexham and Shrewsbury.

"We are conscious that parents have busy lives and we are delighted to do everything to accommodate their children's needs."

For those parents who find it easier to drop their children off as early as 8am, breakfast club has become an extremely popular way for youngsters to start the day.

Likewise, after lessons have finished the school continues its top-class wraparound care by looking after the children, and offering various after-school clubs and activities and supper, until pick-up in the evening.

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Depending on their year group, Thursday afternoons see pupils either taking part in the Combined Cadet Force or Community Action. Pupils learn self-reliance and develop leadership skills via activities organised under the CCF, while Community Action involves pupils going out into the local community to help with development, social and educational projects.

Mr Robb added: "We believe that what sets Oswestry apart from other schools is the outstanding range of extra curricular opportunities combined with the excellent wraparound care we offer.

"The clubs and activities are very much open to all ages, from sixth form down to our prep department Bellan House.

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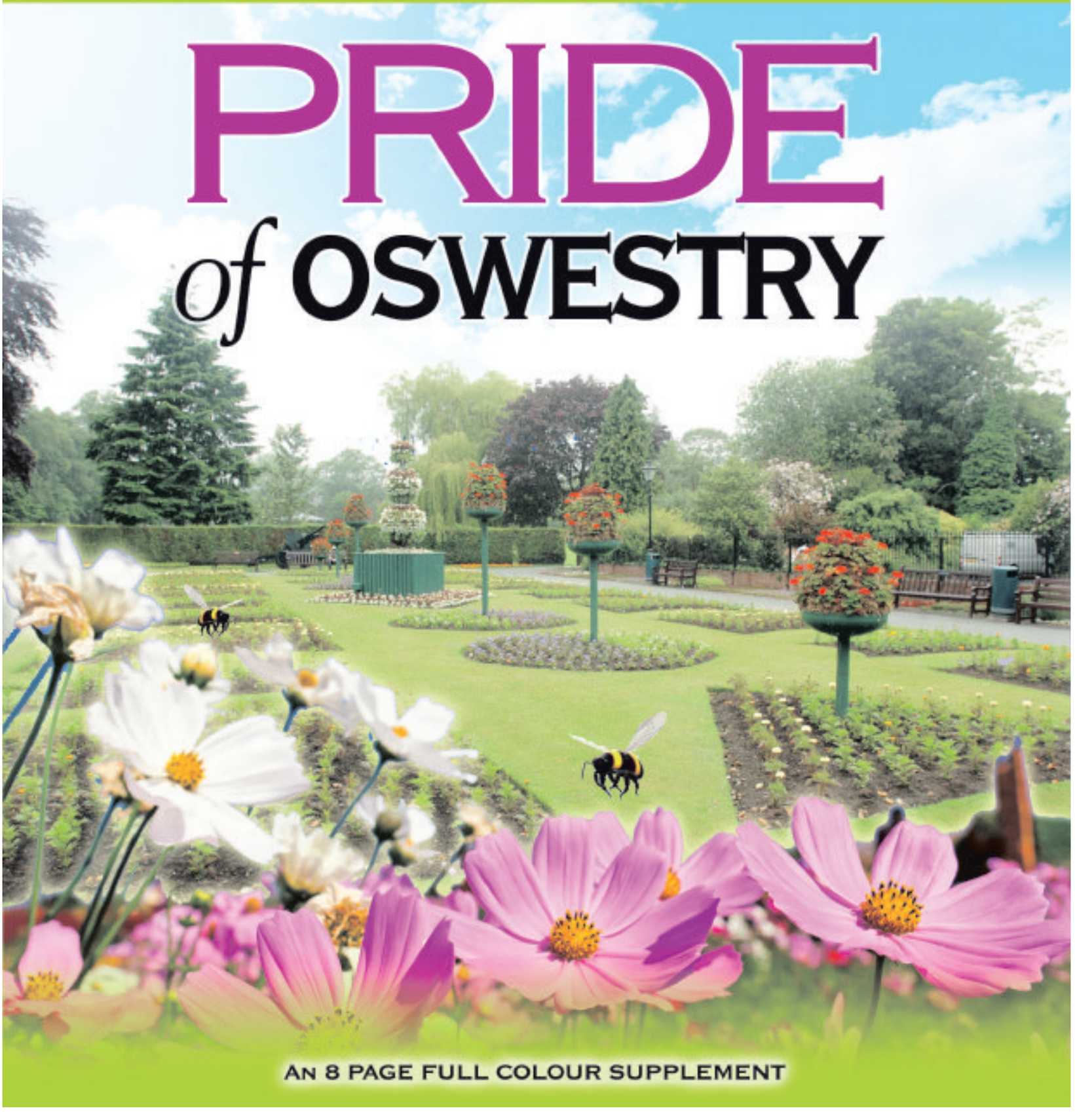

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Shropshire Galvanizers are part of the Hereford group who have been established for nearly 40 years and between the two sites deal with over 16,000 tonnes of steel per year that equates to 400 tonnes of steel galvanised every week.

Lee Leightwood, works manager prides himself on customer service and deals with accounts large and small from the general public with a garden gate to the likes of Ivor Williams trailers and Welshpool Livestock Market.

Expert

"We offer export packaging services and can distribute all over the UK and the World," he said.

"We have recently invested in a brand new powder coating plant at Aspect house, also based on the Maes y Clawdd Industrial Estate which has brought employment to the town and it's success promises more jobs over the next few years.

"The new plant has enabled the company to offer a wide range of coating services including shot blasting, galvanising and powder coating to both the public and the trade.

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The firm has been operating in Shropshire for nearly 25 years.

Group seeking vision of the future from all

THE NEXT few years will see lots of change for Oswestry.

There will be new pressures to reduce public spending, and more services will be commissioned, rather than provided, by local councils, health and police services.

The Voluntary and Community sector, already strong in Oswestry, will have a bigger role in service delivery.

Confusingly, at the same time that core funding will be shrinking, there will be new money created by the growth of homes and businesses in the area.

To be able to deal with these changes, fundamental questions need to be asked about what is important to local people, so that we can make sure Oswestry is in the best possible shape to meet the challenge of change.

Oswestry 2020 is about asking these questions; getting answers about what kind of town residents, businesses and visitors want Oswestry to be; creating a shared vision for the future of the town we know and love.

Extensive consultation will define our local community needs, shape what will (or will not) be supported from the public purse in future, and show us how we can work together to make Oswestry even better, through difficult times.

Our Town Council is leading the preparation of Oswestry 2020, with a Steering Group of community representatives, volunteers, town and Shropshire councillors.

Local consultants and Shropshire's Community Action Team are helping the group with the work of collecting evidence, consultation and writing the plan.

So watch out for your chance to shape Oswestry tomorrow, today.

Councillor Martin Bennett, Mayor of Oswestry

Central Oswestry showing the market hall and Bailey Head.

Councillor Martin Bennett, the Mayor of Oswestry

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What's good about the town? What could be improved?
What's bad about the town? What's missing?

Please give us your initial thoughts to help us get started

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PRIDE of OSWESTRY

Phil and Sarah cleaning up with contract business

THE story of Ultra Clean started back in 2001 when Phil and Sarah Evans set up in business.

The company started with only three staff and Phil working full time and Sarah doing book work part time.

The business has grown continually over the past 11 years and now has over 80 staff as part of the valued team.

Julie Hall, who previously worked for Morris Contract Cleaning joined the company in 2006, bringing with her over 15 years of experience in the contract cleaning trade.

The business has gone from strength to strength, which is great to hear for a local firm in Oswestry.

Pushed

The directors strongly believe that customer service and recommendations has pushed the business forward.

"We are all very hands on which I think lots of people like to see," she said. "Our customer base to date has been very strong with customers who have been with us since the very beginning.

Some customers have had to stop due to the economic climate, but when work picked up, they have always come back. This is a sign that they were always happy with our service.

We have recently invested in a truck mount floor cleaning and carpet cleaning machine. This cleans with steam under pressure. The results so far have wowed our customers. For all businesses we offer a free demonstration to show what this machine can do.

We have always cleaned carpets and upholstery and have been registered members of the NCCA (National Carpet Cleaning Association) for over eight years however, but have never seen results as good as these.

We are offering all Oswestry & Border Chronicle readers a £10 voucher for all carpet, upholstery or hard floor cleaning booked in before the end of October 2012. Bookings can be taken until December 21 only. (only one voucher per household).

Directors Julie Hall, Phil Evans and Sarah Evans

High cost of buying a cheaper office printer

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IN these times of economic pressure, it is more important than ever that you get the very best value for money that you can.

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PRIDE of OSWESTRY

Town's vibrant markets offer a fantastic variety

MARKETS have been a major part of the trading and historical importance of Oswestry for many centuries.

The Wednesday and Saturday outdoor markets still create a wide-ranging balance of traders with hustle and bustle, colour and excitement to interest visitors and shoppers alike.

There's also an excellent Farmers' Market held on the last Friday of every month selling the best in local produce such as pies and pastries, meat and fish – all at the highest quality.

Oswestry Markets boast specialist retailers such as cake supplies, sewing repairs, home brew, Welsh goods and partywares and a host of other things.

If you like collectables and antiques there are four great shops to rummage through at your leisure and when you feel like you need refreshing there's an excellent cafe and coffee bar.

There's also a fantastic quality butcher and fishmonger and an excellent delicatessen which sells a huge variety of cheeses.

Oswestry's bustling outdoor market with Powis Hall in the background.

"To continue to remain viable and relevant our markets need to keep pace with changes within the town, its demographics and the expectations of shoppers," said David Clough, Oswestry Town Council markets manager.

"The market traders need to compete with other retailers by offering something different whilst continuing to meet existing customer requirements."

Following a major refurbishment programme Oswestry's Powis Market Hall was formally re-opened for business in May when the then mayor Cllr Cynthia Hawksley introduced the 8th Earl of Powis John George Herbert who 'cut the ribbon' and unveiled a commemorative plaque to mark the occasion.

The hall underwent a £125,000 transformation, overseen by top designers Sir Terence Conran and Tara Bernerd, after Oswestry Town Council won a competition organised by The Times and Mydeco website design experts.

The YourSpace competition aimed to highlight the impact design can have on community life. Passions for the hall run high in Oswestry and it won by public demand.

Markets are part of the history and heritage of Oswestry and the council has fiercely protected the market tradition extending back some 800 years.

The town council currently provides the management, administrative support and support services in respect of all retail market activities in the town.

Look out for our exciting market events which can be found on the town council's website, www.oswestrymarket.co.uk

Joy of singing is just one of choir's benefits

"THE only thing better than singing is more singing," said Ella Fitzgerald but why is singing so good for you?

Well, it's an aerobic activity that improves the efficiency of muscles, the cardiovascular system, aids the development of motor control and co-ordination and encourages one to take more oxygen into the body leading to increased alertness.

Enough benefits in health alone, you would think, to have people queuing up to join a choir.

There is also evidence that singing improves wellbeing and increases self-esteem.

Dennis Tupman of the Bach Children's Choral Federation says: "By encouraging your child to sing in a choir you are making an investment of incalculable worth in your child's life. You are giving them the gift of music – indeed a lifelong joy."

Mike Donkin, director of music at St. Oswald's Church in Oswestry said: "St Oswald's uses the Royal School of Church Music's Voice for Life scheme which is ideal for training young voices.

"The RSCM has decades of experience in the careful nurture and development of children's voices and this scheme provides a framework for children to develop both vocal skills and musical understanding while being careful not to put young voices under any strain.

St Oswald's Choir has a group to suit all ages: The Junior Choir – made up of boys and girls of eight years and upwards and Choral Scholars – young people of secondary school age, usually aged 14 and above. Choral scholarships will particularly suit young people studying music at GCSE level but anyone interested in developing their singing and musicianship skills will find a choral scholarship rewarding.

The choir at St Oswald's Parish Church in Oswestry

Quiristers – children aged between five and seven years of age who want to get the most out of their singing but are too young to join the Parish Church Choir. The music is carefully chosen to be accessible for very young children and the essential factor is to have fun making music.

The Adult Choir is made up of Altos (men and women) tenors and basses.

For more information about joining St Oswald's Choir see the contact details in the advertisement on this page.

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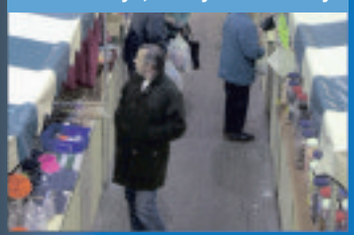

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PRIDE of OSWESTRY

Hair stylists deliver the latest cuts and colours

SCIZZOR Sisters salon in Oswestry is the pride and joy of owner Kath Burgoine.

She trained at Radbrook College and always wanted to be own boss, so launching the Oswestry salon eight years ago was a dream come true.

Kath is assisted by Tayla Sutherland, who gained her qualifications at Walford College in Oswestry.

The salon specialises in precision cutting, featuring the choppy/feathery look and A-symmetric bobs.

If you are looking for 'catwalk hair' which is a very glamorous look, making you feel like a model Scizzor Sisters can make you look fabulous for all occasions including proms, weddings and that special night out.

Modern

The salon is set in a beautiful 15th century building in Beatrice Street with a modern, quirky twist.

Kath has always been an entrepreneur and when her husband said 'go for it', he designed the salon colour scheme and made the bespoke furniture.

Both stylists are fanatical about colour and can create funky, vibrant looks from crisp brunette to blondes using INFINITI, a product which is exclusive in Oswestry to Scizzor Sisters.

Both stylists regularly attend training to keep up to date with changing trends and fashions.

A new dimension to the salon is the Indian Head Massage using either hot oil or conditioner which is an extremely relaxing treatment, ideal for reducing stress whilst moisturising hair and scalp.

Book in for a free consultation or for any haircare advice, concerns or questions you may have and meet the very friendly team.

Kath Burgoine and Tayla Sutherland at Scizzor Sisters in Oswestry.

Never been better time to join Lion Quays club

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The impressive entrance to the Lion Quays spa.

The Lion Quays spa has a stunning pool and leisure area.

PRIDE of OSWESTRY

Exciting journey for school

The Marches School is on an exciting journey.

Having reached their target to achieve 'Outstanding' with Ofsted and most recently, been successful with its application to develop a sixth form, it is continuing to move forward as a learning community to establish the new Academy at the very top of the league tables for the West Midlands and the UK.

Mrs Sarah Longville, headteacher at The Marches School said: "Over the past couple of years we have reached some crucial milestones including achieving an 'Outstanding' report from Ofsted, Academy Status and our Best Ever GCSE Results for the second consecutive year.

"Surpassing all expectations, our students have gone and done it again – smashing last year's record by an impressive 5%."

Elated students and staff this year celebrated a record 93% of students achieving five or more GCSE's A* – C.

"Across the spectrum, results continued to shine, with the total number of A*'s and A's achieved also increasing by an impressive 4%, while 99% of students were celebrating achieving at least 5 GCSE passes. All 100% of students achieved at least 1 A* – C grade. 10 grades at A* – C were awarded to 50% of the year group.

Sarah Longville added: "What a wonderful way to celebrate our first year as an Academy. These outstanding results speak for themselves and are a testament to the incredible hard work and dedication of the staff, students and their parents.

"We are a truly comprehensive school and these results prove that we deliver a curriculum that suits all abilities; extending the more able while supporting all children to achieve their best.

"We are delighted to now have the opportunity to further nurture our students' through their post-16 education and give them the opportunity to continue with their learning at the school.

Elated students at Marches School on GCSE results day.

New Year 7 students get to grips with their latest science project at Marches School.

"I strongly believe that students will continue to thrive at The Marches due to the strong pastoral support system, highly successful teaching staff and a culture of high expectations."

To symbolise these exciting developments and signify the school's recent successes, a number of areas have recently undergone a 'refresh' including the school logo, website, signage, prospectus, stationary and uniform.

Sarah Longville continued: "The new uniforms are smart and modern and students are wearing them with pride. The new website is more user-friendly and technologically advanced and the signage will now help us to gain Safer School's Accreditation."

Deputy Headteacher Alison Pearson added: "We have also just introduced a new house system at the school and this has provided the perfect opportunity to give each of these their own identity. Each house has their own colour scheme and logo and every student at the school will be provided with a house badge to symbolise their membership."

Despite all of the changes taking place, members of the learning community agreed that the motto 'Achievement through Caring' should remain, as it fully embodies the school's holistic approach to learning and Academy status will further aid the endorsement of already well-established and strong aims and values that the school upholds.

Sarah Longville added: "Students really are at the heart of all that we do at The Marches and the level of care here is second to none. I am so proud of this school and of the people that make it such a special place to be."

The school is inviting parents who are currently considering their child's secondary school options, to attend the Open Evening on Thursday, October 11, between 4.30pm and 7.30pm where copies of the new prospectus will be ready for collection.

Bursting with interactive activities including treasure hunts, explosive experiments, football tournaments and cooking demonstrations, the evening provides an opportunity to look around the school, as well as find out about specialist, individual support available to students.

Advice and guidance will be available throughout the evening. For details visit www.marchesschool.co.uk or call 01691 664400.

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- Meet our friendly staff
- Take a look at our exceptional facilities
- Talk to current students about life at 'The Marches' and see, first hand, the wealth of opportunities available to those who attend the school
- Find out about the '**outstanding support and guidance**' our students receive (Ofsted)
- Gather more details on the curriculum, enrichment opportunities and transport to and from school
- Discover what's new and find out more about the **Sixth Form** opening in September 2013

Contact us for more details:

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Individual home includes paddock and indoor pool

Ty Gwernsane, Gwernowddy Lane, Llandrinio, near Llanymynech, is an individually designed detached family house in good-sized gardens with a two-acre paddock, indoor swimming pool and office.

The property, which also has further land available by separate negotiation, is for sale through Parry Lowarch for offers around £550,000 and includes oil-fired central heating and double glazing throughout.

There is a reception hall with oak staircase, and sitting room with a marble fireplace and coal effect propane gas fire, a bay window to the front overlooking gardens and fields beyond, door to the dining room and double doors to the sun room.

The family room/study has an ornamental fire surround with an electric fire. The large kitchen/breakfast room has a range of oak units, built-in appliances, electric cooking range and archway to the dining room. There is also a utility, broom cupboard and cloakroom.

Upstairs are four double bedrooms, two ensuite, and a high quality family bathroom including a corner bath with power jets and shower attachment.

A separate detached block houses a single garage, adjoining offices and swimming pool with a hot tub, sauna room and shower. There is a further double garage attached to the main house.

For further information contact Parry Lowarch on 01743 343343 or visit www.parrylowarch.co.uk

Character cottage in heart of pretty valley

A spacious stone cottage in the heart of the Tanat Valley is on the market through Town & Country for £165,000 with no chain.

Rock House, in the village of Llanrhaeadr, needs modernisation but has original features including beamed ceilings.

The detached property includes a lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, rear lobby, shower room, bathroom and three bedrooms.

In addition to two tiers of lawned gardens there is a separate woodland area and the property has panoramic views of the village and valley.

For further details call Town & Country on 01691 679631 or visit ww.townandcountryoswestry.com

Three-bed house on a roomy corner plot

Number 37 Jasmine Gardens, Oswestry, is a well-appointed property on an attractive corner plot in a quiet area overlooking the town.

The three-bedroom detached house is on the market through JJ Dell & Co with a guide price of £174,950.

Along with gas-fired central heating and double glazing it has a reception hall, large lounge/dining room, kitchen, bathroom, three bedrooms, garage, car port, extensive parking and lawned gardens with a patio.

For further information or to arrange a viewing, contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 or visit the website www.jjdell.co.uk

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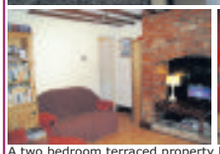

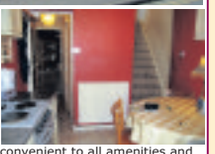

A two bedroom terraced property located on the edge of Ellesmere convenient to all amenities and within walking distance of the picturesque mere. Having lounge with feature brick fireplace and slate hearth and beams to ceiling. Bathroom, Kitchen and two bedrooms. The property has rear yard and private terraced garden. There is a resident□s parking permit available.

£106,500

OSWESTRY

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•2 double bedrooms, enclosed private courtyard
•Parking for two vehicles

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WHITTINGTON

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Detached garage, off road parking. Gardens to the front and rear. Viewing recommended.

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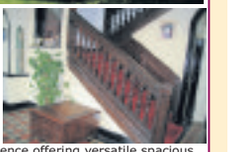

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£349,000

MORDA CLOSE, OSWESTRY

Situated in one of Oswestry's most sought after locations and sits amongst extensive gardens. Having 4 bedrooms this detached family home needs to be viewed to be fully appreciated. Briefly comprising, Lounge, Dining Area, Conservatory, Kitchen, Utility, Sitting Room/Bedroom 3, shower Room, Family bathroom. Double Garage, ample parking for vehicles, caravan etc.

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£185,000

OSWESTRY

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- Internal inspection recommended

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NEW

17 Maes-yr-Afon, Llanrhaeadr YM

£124,950

- Stone built 2 bed semi-detached house
- Lounge, fitted kitchen/diner, C/H, D/G
- Two bedrooms and fitted bathroom
- Rear conservatory, patio & timber deck
- Quiet cul-de-sac on edge of village
- Ideal first-time buyers property

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NEW

75 Brookfields, Weston Rhyn

£119,950

- 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Bungalow
- Lounge, kitchen, Gas C/H, D/G
- Adjoining utility & storage building
- Close to good quality village amenities
- Available with no onward chain
- Ideal retirement or first time buy

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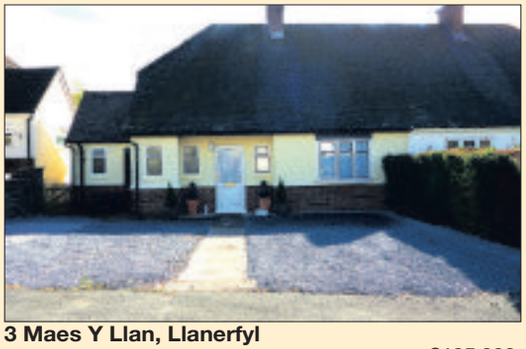

3 Maes Y Llan, Llanerfyl

£105,000

- Semi-Detached Dormer Bungalow
- Entrance Hall, Living Room, Kitchen
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- Attached Store. Double Glazed. Electric Heating
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Hafan, 9 Pentre Clawdd, Meifod.

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Price: £230,000 Contact Shrewsbury

A detached country cottage set in a peaceful rural location within a short drive from the popular Welsh Border town of Llanfyllin.

- 4 Bedrooms (2 Master Suites)
- 2 Receptions & Conservatory
- Double Garage & Parking
- Gardens & Babbling Brook
- Rural Setting

Rhyd Hir, Llanfyllin

Price: £375,000 Contact Oswestry

A THREE bedroom cottage mews situated in a most convenient village location with excellent commuter links.

- 3 Bedrooms
- 2 Receptions & Conservatory
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Garden
- Parking

Westlea, Weston Rhyn

Price: £143,000 Contact Oswestry

A remarkable Victorian period residence situated in the picturesque hamlet of Llanyblodwel near to the Tanat River.

- 3 Bedroom Inc. 1 With Dressing Room
- Attic Room
- Garage & Parking
- Gardens
- Hamlet Location

Glandwr, Llanyblodwel

Price: £199,500 Contact Oswestry

This three bedroom 1930's semi detached family home situated in a most convenient location within walking distance to Gobowen Station and also has shops and countryside walks.

- 3 Bedrooms
- Views To Welsh Hills
- Gas Central Heating
- Garage & Parking
- Gardens To Front & Rear
- Character Features

Cae Glas, St Martins Road, Gobowen

Price: £137,500 Contact Ellesmere

A three bedroom semi detached family home in an excellent semi rural location with views of open countryside to the front elevation.

- 3 Bedroom Semi
- Gardens
- Detached Garage & Parking
- Needs Updating
- Viewing Recommended

Quinta Crescent, Weston Rhyn

Price: £127,950 Contact Oswestry

A charming detached country cottage situated in approximately 1.280 acres of splendid gardens and grounds offering spacious characterful accommodation located in a pleasant rural location.

- 4 Bedroom (2 With En-Suites)
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Detached Tandem Garage & Parking
- Paddock & Gardens
- Approx. 1.280 Acres

Waen Cottage, Llansantffraid

Price: £395,000 Contact Oswestry

A DETACHED FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOM family home situated in a small rural Hamlet on the Welsh Border. This property must be viewed to appreciate the spacious accommodation, location and gardens.

- 4 Double Bedrooms (Master & En-Suite)
- Double Garage & Parking
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Gardens
- Picturesque Location

Denali, Penygarnedd

Price: £249,950 Contact Oswestry

This DETACHED family home is ideally situated for walking enthusiasts, located centrally and close to Montgomery Canal, Offa's Dyke, Llanymynech Hill, Llynclys Common and Rodneys Pillar.

- 4 Bedrooms (Master & En-Suite)
- 3 Reception Rooms
- South Facing Rear Gardens
- Detached Garage & Parking
- Village Location

Breidden View, Wern, Llanymynech

Price: £239,950 Contact Oswestry

A fine example of a 1930's DETACHED family home. Situated in a most sought after and popular residential area within walking distance to Gobowen Train Station.

- 3 Double Beds & Box Room
- 3/4 Receptions
- Detached Double Garage & Parking
- Gardens To Front & Rear
- Character & Charm

Whittington Road, Gobowen

Price: £220,000 Contact Oswestry

A 15th century three bedroom detached character cottage overlooking the Penarth Valley, this property needs to be viewed to be fully appreciated

- 3 Bed Detached Cottage
- Oil Central Heating
- Workshop & Barn
- Gardens
- Rural Location

Caethle, Meifod

Price: £275,000 Contact Oswestry

A charming detached sandstone cottage situated in a sought after village location with stunning views.

- 2 Bedroom Cottage
- Sought After Village
- Lovely Cottage Gardens
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Stunning Views

Quinta Cottage, Ruyton XI Towns

Price: £214,950 Contact Oswestry

This substantial detached Edwardian family home and established 4. B&B is situated at the heart of the village near to Offa's Dyke path.

- 4 Double Bedrooms & En-Suites.
- 4 Reception Rooms.
- Mature Detached House.
- Garage & Parking.
- Gardens.
- Part Exchange Considered

The Manse, Llanymynech

Price: Offers Invited £259,900 Contact Oswestry

A well appointed four bedroom detached family home that has been updated and extended by the current vendors, located on the outskirts of the village.

- 4 Bedroom (Master & En-Suite)
- 2/3 Reception Rooms
- Oil Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Double Garage & Parking
- Garden

Overton Road, St Martins

Price: £249,995 Contact Oswestry

A most well presented and conveniently situated detached 3 bedroom bungalow and with a cul-de-sac location and close to the village centre, the property enjoys attractive landscaped gardens with UPVC double glazing and central heating.

- 3 Bedroom Bungalow
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Central Heating
- Garage & Parking
- Conservatory

New Road, Glyn Ceiriog

Price: £199,950 Contact Oswestry

A detached one bedroom cottage situated in the popular tourist village of Llanrhaeadr YM. An ideal investment or first time purchase this property must be viewed to be appreciated.

- 1 Bed Detached Cottage
- Village Location
- Electric Heating
- Solid Fuel Room Heaters

Bwthyn Hedd, Llanrhaeadr

Price: £62,500 Contact Oswestry

A most spacious and well presented four bedroom detached family home enjoying a corner plot at the head of this popular cul-de-sac within a short walk to Llangollen Canal.

- 4 Bedrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Gardens
- Integral Garage & Parking
- Partial Double Glazing
- PART EXCHANGE CONSIDERED

Berllan Close, Rhoswiel

Price: £219,950 Contact Oswestry

Dating back to 1900 with a later addition a detached country cottage situated adjacent to the River Morda with countryside views to the side elevation.

- 3 Bed Detached Cottage
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Private Gardens
- Ample Parking
- Adjacent To River Morda
- Countryside Views

Brook House, Oswestry

Price: £185,000 Contact Oswestry

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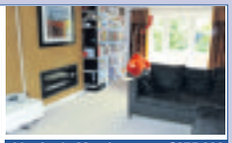
NEW

Malthouse Close Whittington £217,950

- A most impressive Modern Detached Family Residence that presents a fine and spacious home set in a premier area of Whittington which is only a short distance from Oswestry.
- Entrance Porch, Entrance Hall, a Large Sitting Room, Separate Dining Room,
- Conservatory, Kitchen, Utility, Cloakroom,
- Four Excellent Bedrooms, En-Suite Shower Room, Family Bathroom.
- Gas fired central heating, double glazing, delightful gardens and grounds together with a garage.



NEW - NO CHAIN

Llanforda Mead Oswestry £275,000

- A most impressive and spacious Detached Family Residence that has been extensively improved throughout by the present owners to present a delightful family home
- Entrance Porch, Wide Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, a Large Sitting Room, Separate Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room,
- Four Excellent Bedrooms, En-Suite Shower Room, Family Bathroom. Gas fired central heating, double glazing, delightful gardens and grounds together with a double garage

NEW

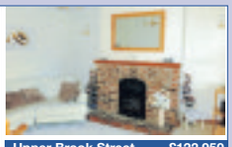
Criggion Close Four Crosses £210,000

- A most spacious and comfortably appointed Detached Bungalow
- Situated within a short private cul-de-sac in a premier location
- Sitting Room, Large Sun Conservatory, Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Three Excellent Bedrooms, Family Bathroom. Double glazing
- Oil C/H, single garage, delightful lawns and gardens with views over open fields to rear

NEW

Porth-Y-Waen Nr Oswestry £229,995

- A spacious 4 Bedroom Detached Bungalow in the hamlet of Porth-Y-Waen
- Situated in a large elevated plot with excellent views over countryside to rear
- Ent Hall, Large Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility Room
- Master Bedroom with Shower Rm, 3 other Bedrooms & Family Bathrm
- Large garden at rear with raised patio area & Detached Workshop
- Large driveway with ample parking, D/G and Oil C/H



NEW - NO CHAIN

Upper Brook Street Oswestry £122,950

- A well positioned and most comfortably appointed Mid-Terrace House
- In a popular location convenient to the Town and its facilities.
- Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom all of which are in superb order throughout
- Gas fired central heating. There is parking for two cars to the rear and a small garden
- Ideal for first time ownership or investment and letting purposes

NO CHIAN

Berriew Nr Welshpool £150,000

- A rare opportunity to purchase a most desirable Grade II Listed Three Bedroom Detached Cottage situated in an idyllic location
- Next to the lock at Brithdir adjacent to the Montgomery Canal with a large garden
- Ent. Hall, Sitting Room, Kitchen/Dining Room, Rear Hall and Bathroom
- Three Excellent First Floor Bedrooms
- Legal Pack available for inspection at Agents Oswestry Office

NO CHAIN

Church Street Ruyton XI Towns £140,000

- A most impressive and spacious Mid-Terrace House with considerable character and generous accommodation having many original oak timbers and features.
- Entrance Hall/Study, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Four Excellent Bedrooms,
- Family Bathroom, a Large Landing Sitting Room. Gas central heating, enclosed garden to the rear, parking to the fore.

NEW PRICE - NO CHAIN

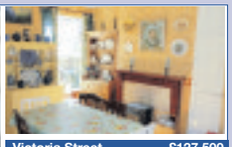
Unicorn Road Oswestry £112,950

- Occupying a corner plot, giving a good size rear garden with much privacy
- A most well presented and appointed two bedroom bungalow
- Gas C/H, Double glazing and cavity wall insulation
- Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Gardens, detached garage and parking.

NEW PRICE - 4.5 ACRES - NO CHAIN

Meifod Powys £375,000

- Goetre Hall is well secluded & situated at the close of a long sweeping driveway
- Leading from the edge of the prettyVillage of Meifod
- Entrance Hall, 3 Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Rm,large Pantry
- 5 Bedrooms, Family Bathrm, En Suite
- A large Garage/Store, Gardens and grounds,1.82 Hectares. (4.5 Acres).
- The property comprises a Grade 2 Listed Building



NEW - NO CHAIN

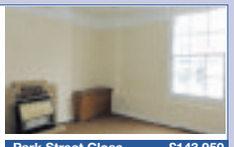
Victoria Street Oswestry £127,500

- A most spacious and well located Semi Detached House situated in a prime location convenient to the Town Centre and all facilities
- Open Entrance Porch, Entrance Hall, Sitting Room with Bay, Living/Dining Room, Kitchen, Conservatory
- Three Excellent Bedrooms, Family Bathroom. Gas fired central heating, garden to the rear

NO CHAIN

Mount Drive Oswestry £199,000

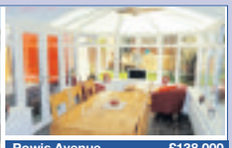
- A most spacious and comfortably appointed Detache House set within a popular location convenient to the town
- Ent Hall, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility, Study/Workrm
- Rear Lobby with WC, Three Excellent Bedrooms, Family Bathroom
- Gas fired central heating, double glazing, cavity wall insulation
- PVC facia's and barges for ease of maintenance, garage
- Lawned surrounding gardens, and stocked grounds. Rarely available in this location



NO CHAIN

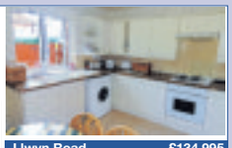
Park Street Close Oswestry £143,950

- A most comfortably appointed and spacious Semi Detached Bungalow
- Situated in a much sought after cul de sac close to the town centre
- Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, Conservatory, Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Family Bathroom, 2 Ground Flr Bedrms, 1st Flr Bedrm with En-Suite WC
- Double glazing, gas fired central heating, easily maintained gardens



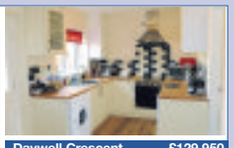
Powis Avenue Oswestry £138,000

- A most spacious and comfortably appointed Semi-Detached House
- The accommodation is excellent order throughout
- Entrance Hall, Sitting Room Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Large Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom. Double glazing, Gas C/H
- Garage and parking lawned garden to fore with enclosed garden to rear



Llwyn Road Oswestry £134,995

- A well appointed Detached House
- Situated in a popular residential location
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Three Excellent Bedrooms, Family Bathroom
- Gas central heating, part double glazing
- Good size garden, parking



Daywell Crescent Gobowen £129,950

- A Recently improved spacious Semi-Detached House
- Sitting Room, Large Kitchen/Dining Room
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Guide Price £300,000
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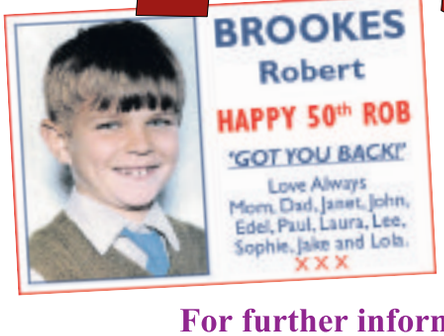

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Village plea for more scarecrows

A PLEA has been sent out to people across Shropshire to make more scarecrows for a village fundraising event.

West Felton is hosting a scarecrow hunt on Sunday and so far more than 25 people have volunteered to make one for the event.

But organisers say they could do with some more and have set a target of 30 scarecrows to be placed in different areas of the village.

They say people do not need to live in the village to take part as they can pick a spot in the village to put their scarecrows in.

Sam Griffith-Norris, chairman of Friends of West Felton School and one of the organisers, said: "Last year we had 15 and this year we are up to 27 but I would like to top the 30 mark.

"The scarecrows tend to go up on the day of the event.You find some elaborate ones and some have costumes. Some are big and some have been smaller." But they do not have to be elaborate as organisers say they would be pleased to see anyone's efforts at the event, which is free to enter. On the day people are invited to buy a map from the village school between 11.30am and 3pm to search for them all.Refreshments available.

Donations for the cake stall would be appreciated as well as second hand toys, games, CDs, DVDs. The event is to help raise money for the primary school.

For more information email *SamGriffithNorris@gmail.com*

Three-days of fun to mark new hall

by Graham Breeze

A THREE-DAY celebration will be held to mark the end of a successful four-year campaign to build a new £600,000 village hall on the Shropshire/Mid Wales border.

Campaigners who fought for years for funds for Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant Public Hall say the new building will be the centre of community life.

Villagers can have the first look at the new hall during a weekend-long celebration, starting tomorrow, Friday.

Management committee chairman Sarah Suckley-Jones said the campaign was launched for the new hall after the village's former hall fell into disrepair.

She said: "It would have cost too much to repair the old hall so we decided to build a new one.

"It was a lot of hard work. We got funding from the lottery and the Welsh Government and we raised a lot ourselves.

"The new building happily combines state of the art technology with the warm welcome always associated with the former hall.

"In order to ensure that the whole community is aware of what the hall can offer an open weekend is being held from September 28 to 30 from 10am to 4pm each day.

"This will be an exciting opportunity to view the finished product both inside and out.

"As well as showcasing the new building, the open weekend will have presentations from various organisations highlighting the types of activities that can be available from the hall.

"We look forward to welcoming people and hope that they will agree with us that the journey has been worth it'. Admission to each day of the open weekend will be free. Refreshments will be available on sale."

Among the activities on show will be information on courses provided by Coleg Powys as well as information about keep fit and craft classes as well as an exhibition of paintings by local artists and a display of memorabilia from the past.

Grants now on offer for projects to help region

OFFICIALS at the Countryside Council for Wales are appealing for project ideas they can support through grants.

Applications from groups and organisations across Wales will be welcome, bosses said today.

The CCW will be providing grants worth £4.7 million to help environmental projects carried out by partner organisations in 2013/2014. These partners include local authorities as well as voluntary groups.

The latest grants application window is now open, and officials plan to allocate more than £500,000 to voluntary and community organisations to improve the natural environment.

Adrian Williams, CCW's director of plans and resources, said: "The natural environment is one of Wales' most valuable assets. We need to look after it so that it helps to improve our health and quality of life.

"Projects could vary from creating access opportunities to managing habitats for wildlife, and from producing information that helps people understand and enjoy their local environment to working with groups to look after important sites."

The closing date for applications is October 12. For information call 0845 130 6229.

Tools aid to Africa

Borderlands Rotary Club in Oswestry have been collecting tools for charity. Mike Lade, publicity officer for the club, with some of the tools.

HUNDREDS of tools are on the way to Africa after Rotarians in Oswestry collected them over 12 months.

Borderland Rotary has taken a trailer full of tools to a workshop in Clun where volunteers from charity Tools for Self Reliance refurbish them and put into 'skill sets' which are boxed up and sent out to Africa.

Spokesman Mike Lade said: "There were hundreds of tools collected by Borderland Rotary including screwdrivers, hand tools and a cobbler's last, used to repair shoes, and all sorts of things. By supplying the tools in sets – from car maintenance, bee-keeping through to wood carving – it allows Africans to learn a trade or skill. They then can earn money to support their families."

He added: "Have you been storing Grandad's old tool box in the garage, wondering what you should do with it?" Call (07957) 354223 or e-mail *neil_ruby@hot mail.com*

Residents urged to take more pride in their town

EFFORTS to make a town near the Shropshire/Welsh border more attractive to visitors are being hampered because residents are not keeping the streets tidy, councillors have claimed.

Littering has become such a problem in Llanfyllin that the town council is to launch a competition for new posters to be designed to encourage residents to keep their town clean.

Llanfyllin Town Council has spent thousands of pounds trying to encourage tourists to visit and stay longer in the town.

The work has included the extension of the town centre car park and the development of a nature reserve and river walk with the improvement project being described as the biggest single project ever carried out by the council. Plans are also being put together for the redevelopment of Bodfach Field into a visitor attraction.

But councillors have expressed concern that all the hard work might be for nothing because people are not taking enough pride in the town.

Councillor Anne Williams said she was concerned about the state of the area earmarked for development after recently visiting it.

She said: "We really do need to look after it. Somebody had been camping there. There was rubbish everywhere, there was dog mess everywhere.

"We need to encourage people to look after it better. They are just dropping litter everywhere."

Charity in goods plea

SUPPORTERS of a wildlife charity have appealed to people living in the Oswestry area to donate unwanted items.

Volunteers working for the World Society for the Protection of Animals hold regular table top sales in Oswestry. The charity is appealing for items they can sell such as games, DVDs and soft toys.

The next table top sale will be held at the Memorial Hall in Oswestry on October 13 from 9.30am to 1.30pm and then again on November 3.

Anyone who has items for the sale should call April on (01691) 670110 who will arrange to pick them up.

Tea was just the job for soldiers as they recovered from injuries

by Toby Neal

A BIT of al fresco tea must have been just the ticket for a group of soldiers recovering at Gobowen during the dark days of 1940.

In fact, it almost looks like a seaside view, doesn't it, with the lady in her summer dress.

But does anybody recognise or remember her? And can they say exactly where the photo was taken? Does it still exist now?

These photos came to us from a gentleman called Bob Kirby 10 years ago, and his information was that the girl in the summer dress was actually a hospital worker who came from Gobowen.

Father

His father, also called Bob Kirby, was a soldier wounded during the retreat to Dunkirk in 1940 when he was shot up by a Stuka dive bomber, and ended up in what he described as Derwen Hospital, Gobowen.

"He was hit in his left arm and was there for a considerable length of time. That's where he met and married Tessa Davies of Oaklands Road, Chirk Bank. My mother was working in the hospital and he was a patient. She was not a nurse, but was a day worker," said Mr Kirby.

Mr Kirby senior had been a miner living in Washington, County Durham, and had served in the 8th Battalion – a Territorial Army unit – of the Durham Light Infantry.

"He had three shells in his left arm which severed the nerves. He was no good for heavy manual work after that.

"He did go into the mines again, but he was on safety work."

The older Mr Kirby died in 1979 and the information from younger Bob are from what his father told him, although he does not recall the names of the others on the picture.

"The nurse in one photograph was a local girl from the Gobowen and Oswestry area.

"In the other photograph, my father is on the left and two of the other three soldiers were from the King's Shropshire Light Infantry. The girl was a hospital worker and came from Gobowen."

If you can flesh out any details about the pictures, or of what the wartime role was of Derwen Training College – presumably that is the place that is meant as Derwen Hospital – drop me a line at tneal@shropshirestar.co.uk, or by post via the Oswestry Chronicle.

Is this really wartime Gobowen? Bob Kirby, on the left, with fellow wounded soldiers.

Bob Kirby with an unidentified nurse from the Gobowen or Oswestry area.

Coffee morning to boost charity

A COFFEE morning is to be held in a village near Oswestry on Saturday to raise money for charity.

Sandra Evans will be hosting the fundraiser at her home at Rose Cottage, Middleton, from 10am to noon.

Proceeds will go to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Mrs Evans, a retired health care assistant, said she decided to host the fundraiser because she had worked with Macmillan nurses in the past.

She said: "They do a wonderful job and everyone is welcome to come along to the coffee morning.

"I am hoping for good weather because it will be out in the garden and I have gazebos and tents."

Contact (01691) 654864 for more details and directions.

Gallery entries put on display

A NEW exhibition has opened at Qube Gallery, Oswald Road, Oswestry, highlighting the Celebrate themed entries for the Qube Open Art Competition.

The exhibition runs until to October 30 and people have been voting for their favourite piece in the gallery.

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Talk to reveal treasures housed at art gallery

by Graham Breeze

THE treasures of Liverpool's Walker Gallery will be revealed at the next meeting of Oswestry and District Society of Artists.

Sarah Gathercole, art historian at Walford and North Shropshire College, will give a talk on the gallery on October 10.

The meeting will be held at the Memorial Hall, in Oswestry, at 7.30pm.

The society's annual general meeting is at the same venue on October 31 at 7.30pm.

Members enjoyed a successful painting day at Llangedwyn Mill Studio with John Parkinson last month.

Newsletter

Group spokeswoman Carol James said: "Thanks to some brilliant weather members produced excellent paintings.

"The society has produced its first newsletter, Artifacts, which gives a review of some of the year's activities, plans for the future, and practical ideas for producing flower paintings in Quink ink by member Diana Bellerby.

"The society has raised nearly £200 thanks to the generosity of the family of the late Dick Hughes. Dick was a co-founder and past president and chairman of the society."

She said Mr Hughes's family had donated a art materials which are being sold to raise money for the artists society.

Details of materials still available can be obtained by calling (01691) 718931.

£900 to fund arts

THE Oswestry and District Arts Association has been given £900 to allow it to help the arts in and around the town.

The money was awarded from Oswestry Town Council's large grant fund.

Councillor Martin Bennett said the association did a great deal of good in the area and ensured the arts remained in a healthy state in Oswestry.

A big night for artists

ARTISTS will be keeping their fingers crossed to be in the prizes tonight as winners of the Qube Open Art Competition are revealed in Oswestry. Shortlisted entries are on display and there is an open evening takes place tonight when the winners will be announced, with £1,000 in prize money for the winner. Kim Thompson-Lawrence is seen getting ready for the Qube's Open Art Exhibition.

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Roots and blues feel to gigs around town

GIG GUIDE with Chrissy Symmons

GIGS in and around Oswestry have a roots and blues feel to them this week kicking off with a live performance from singer/songwriter Eve Selis.

The musician is currently touring UK and Ireland and will be stopping off at The Ironworks, in Oswestry, tonight, Thursday from 8pm.

Eve Selis is no stranger to Roots music and her newest album, Family Tree, features 14 sturdy tracks drawn from the dark, rich soil of American music.

From the swamp-rock of Rubber and Glue to the plaintive country heartbreaker Don't You Feel Lonesome to Leonard Cohen's majestic masterpiece Hallelujah, Selis and her band dug deep to create a towering opus of interconnected musical branches, all dripping with Selis's indelible "honey chipotle" voice.

For more information and the latest tour news please visit www.eveselis.com Find Eve on Facebook, facebook.com/eveselismusic

Will Killeen will be bringing his roots blues style to The Last Inn, in Hengoed, with some Irish folk and country as well tonight.

Will, who taught himself guitar from an early age, has a blues guitar style that shows influences from a mixture of country, celtic, eastern and rock music. He also plays the banjo and harmonica and sings.

Acoustic singer/songwriter Chris Quinn.

For more information call (01691) 659747 or visit www.thelastinn.net or www.willkilleen.weebly.com

Musicians are invited to take part in an Open Mic Night on Friday night at Wilson's Wine Bar, in Oswestry, from 8pm.

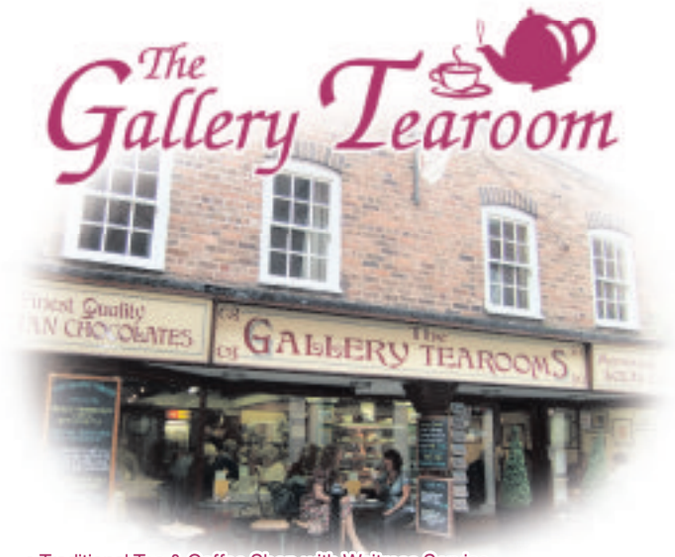
Fox North Coalition will be performing at The Ironworks, in Church Street, on Sunday night from 7.30pm. It is a band that produces songs full of organic blues roots ridden songs and its last album received rave reviews.

The group will be supported by Shropshire's Blues Boy Dan. At 20 years old the singer/songwriter has a voice of an old whiskey swiggin' black bluesman from Memphis. He recently played the British Blues awards. Tickets cost £7 on the door or £5 advance.

As always it's Live Music Night at The Royal Oak in Welshpool town centre tomorrow, Friday. Entrance free.

Sunday night in Ruyton-XI-Towns there will be live music in The Talbot Country Inn with Chris Quinn, an acoustic singer/ songwriter.

His solo gigs cover a range of acoustic music, from fast bluegrass to traditional British folk and from swinging Jazz. If you would like to see your gig here please email csymmons@shropshirestar.co.uk with 'gig guide' in the subject line



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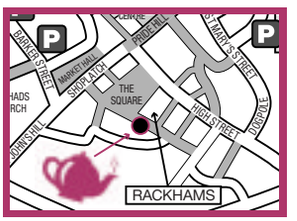

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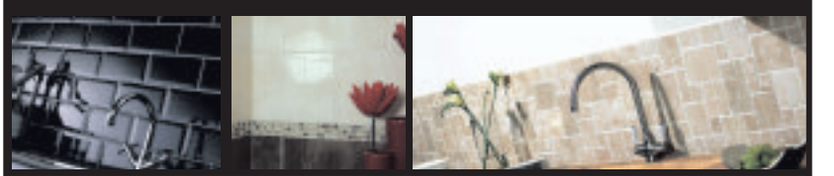

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PRIME LAMBS (5219)

An entry of 5219 Prime lambs, selling to an overall average of 153ppkg.

Lights (25.5kg to 32kg) (377) to 181ppkg from JT & GH Jones Talerddig Farm. Others to 172ppkg from R Jones & Son Dolwar Fach. Average of 153ppkg.

Standards (32.1kg to 39kg) (1075) to 180ppkg from D W P Griffiths Park Lodge. Others to 179ppkg from B P Rudd & Son Maesgarthbeibio. Average of 153ppkg.

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Heavies (45.1kg to 52kg) (1276) to 164ppkg from T & B Williams Cilmawr. Others to 159ppkg from A E Casewell . Average of 150.4ppkg.

Over Weights (Over 52kg) (159) to 150ppkg from D P Casewell Bodynfoel. Others to 146ppkg from EG & AW Pugh Cefn. Average of 139ppkg.

CULL EWE (3661)

An entry of 3661 cull sheep on offer for sale today, sold to average £42.82 for the ewes and £73.95 for the rams. Top price of the day for the ewes was £102 per head from H & G Davies Neuaddllwyd. Top price for the cull rams was £142 per head from B I Morgan Brynaere Isaf. Weekly sale of cull sheep to immediately follow the sale of fat lambs at approximately 12noon.

STORE LAMBS & IN LAMB EWES

Store Lambs. A good entry of 848 store lambs achieving an average of £50.21. Theave lambs making a top price of £61.50 from J N Owen Penybont. Mixed and clean lambs achieving a top price of £61 from Messers Gittins & Co. Tup lambs making a top price of £56.20. Mixed and tup lambs making £54.

Store Ewes. A solid entry of 14340 store ewes achieving a total average of £94.98. Yearling ewes achieving a top price of £153 fro texel ewes from W P Owen Cefn Uchaf. Two year old ewes achieving top price of £102 for speckled face ewes from J L Evans & Son. Three year old ewes making a top price of £81 from B I Morgan Brynaere Isaf. Full mouth ewes achieving top price of £99. As found ewes making a top price of £78 from E Jones & Son Goitre.

More ewes expected next week Monday, sale to commence at 11am prompt. Also an entry of 300 tups expected. Store Lambs sale to commence at 10.30am.

DAIRY COWS.

A catalogue sale of 12 Dairy Cattle took place at Welshpool Livestock Sales on Monday 24th September 2012. Four 1st Calvers from R N Thompson Oak Green Farm sold to a top market price of £1700, £1660, £1420 and £1390. Five 1st Calvers from PW Pritchard & K A Loake Cwm Hylin sold to a top price of £1500. Next Sale of Dairy cows will take place on Monday 8th October 2012.

September 20

The annual Cann Office and Cefn Coch Sheep Sale took place on Thursday September 20, selling to an average of £88.35 per head for the speckled face ewes. Top price of the day was £116 for Speckled Face yearlings presented by W B Humphreys Ddolgwynfelin who also sold other speckled face ewes to £114, £100. R E Astley sold speckled face ewes to £98.

All breed yearling ewe sold to a top price of £168 per head for Texelx yearlings from D Jones Tynrhos Brithdir. Sale averages for each breed are as follows:

Yearlings:

Texels: 34 sheep sold to £162 and averaged £154 per head.

Suffolks: 148 sheep sold to £129 and averaged £112.50 per head.

Speckled Face: 251 sheep sold to £116 and averaged £88.35 per head.

Welsh Mules: 210 sheep sold to £148 and averaged £119 per head.

Welsh: 261 sheep sold to £138 and averaged £94.34 per head.

Beulah: 80 sheep sold to £156 and averaged £129 per head.

Welsh Hill Speckle Ram Sale
September 22

The forty third Welsh Hill Speckle Ram Sale was held at Welshpool Livestock Sales on Saturday, 22nd, September. In all some 170 rams were forwarded and fittingly it was the Champion Ram that realised the highest price of £2,750gns.

The 3yr old ram was this year's Royal Welsh Show class winner, being a home-bred ram from Mr Gwynfor Harding, Delfryn, and Carno. Mr Harding is to be congratulated for claiming the champion aged ram trophy at the society sale for the past three years, all with home-bred exhibits. However most would conclude that this was his finest exhibit yet.

Bidding quickly reached £2,000gns before a two-horse tussle was settled in favour of Mr Martyn Harding, Hafan, Aberangell at £2,750gns.

Three other successful £2,000gns plus bids were recorded in favour of H+S Watkins, Cammen Uchaf and A Roberts and Sons, Dolau, Cwm Nant yr Eira. The Cammen yearlings found homes with Mr G Roberts, Abernodwydd and R.T. Richards, Llansannan respectively and the Dolau product was snapped up by Ellis Lloyd & Co, Garthiaen, Llandrillo.

In general a steady trade was maintained throughout with the averages for Aged and Yearling Rams being £431gns and £471gns respectively. Vendors were to be congratulated on the standard of preparation and quality of the Rams forwarded with purchasers from as far afield as Anglesey and Lampeter in attendance.

Joint Judges, Mr Darren Clark and Mr James Powell awarded the prizes as follows: -

Rams 2yr and over,
1. R.G.Harding, £2,750gns
2. Tom Evans, 800gns
3. D.R.Lewis, 800gns

Yearling Ram,
1. Myrddin Jones, £1,100gns
2. Myrddin Jones, £1,300gns
3. J.C. Davies & Son 900gns

Ram Lamb,
1. Richard Howatson, N/S
2. David Richards, N/S
3. David Jones, £90gns

Ewe Lambs,
1. Caren Jones, £48gns
2. Caren Jones, £42gns

Oswestry cattle auctions

September 19
FAT CATTLE: (83)

A decent number of cattle forward with some quality handyweight cattle on show. Top slots hit 239p for Heifers, 221p for Bulls and 199p for Steers. Highest price in the lump was a Steer at £1381.00. Bottom book of 146p for a Limousin Bull. If you have cattle to sell please contact the Auctioneer Jonathan Evans on 07971 002650 or the Market office. Make sure all cattle are clean and double tagged when offered for sale

Young Bulls (43) Overall Average 184.5p.

Light Bulls (4) Average 169p (£740/head) Selling to 190p from H W & D A Davies Tynant

Medium Bulls (26) Average 182.5p (£920/head) Selling to 221p from I M Willan Tymawr

Heavy Bulls (13) Average 191p (£1110/head) Selling to 218p from I M Willan Tymawr

Steers (18) Overall Average 183p.

Medium Steers (1) Selling to 175p from (£831/head) D I Jones Aethnen Ganol

Heavy Steers (17) Average 183.5p (£1225/head) Selling to 199p from D V Williams Brynvyrnwy

Heifers (22) Overall Average 205p

Medium Heifers (7) Average 224p (£1030/head) Selling to 239p from J W Jones & Partners Pantglas Isa

Heavy Heifers (15) Average 198p (£1100/head) Selling to 238p from J C Jones New House Farm

Another good price throughout on all types. Please keep the cattle coming and thank you for your support

FAT LAMBS: (3047)

A good consistent entry of 3047 Fat Lambs on Wednesday 19 September 2012 which was down on the similar entry of 2011. The overall average was 160.5p/kg. 296 Light lambs averaged 153.5p/kg peaking at 181p/kg lambs making £57 from W A & E M Morris Maestanyglwyden. 771 Standard lambs averaged 158.5p/kg peaking at 177p/kg with 39kg lambs from E Lloyd & Co Garthiaen making £69. E Lloyd & Co also topped the medium lambs at 183p/kg with 40.5kg lambs making £74. The average for the medium section being 162p/kg. Top call of the day was £78.80.

Lights to 181p average 153.5p, Standards to 177p average 158.5p, Mediums to 183p average 162p, Heavy's to 163p average 156p, Others to 142p average 137.5p. Overall average 160.5p.

FAT EWES: (938)

Ewes to £88.00 average £38.00, Rams to £158.00, average £70.00

Please Note : All sheep entering the Market must be tagged.

CALVES: (66)

Fractionally less forward selling to another good consistent trade for continentals. Friesians other than good rearers harder to sell. ¾ bred Limousin Bulls topping at £450 and ¾ bred Limousin Heifers to £295 £270 & £254 all from Messrs Ellett Cefn Derwen, British Blue Bulls to £380 & £270 from Messrs James Church Farm £380 from Messrs Kirkham Ridley Farm £360 from Messrs Wigley Drenewydd. British Blue Heifers to £290 from Messrs Ellis Pentre Wern £280 £265 from Messrs Wildbore Carreghofa £270 from Messrs James Church Farm Aberdeen Angus Bull £248 from Messrs Wigley Drenewydd. Blonde D'Aquataine Bull £238 from Messrs Edwards Plasyncoed. Hereford Heifers to £180 from Messrs Mottram Sodyllt Old Hall. Friesian Bulls to £162 & £138 from Messrs Roberts Pentre David £125 from Messrs Lewis New House Farm £112 from Messrs Ellis Pentre Wern £84 from Messrs Wigley Drenewydd £82 from Messrs Lewis Trefonen Hall

U72 & CULL COWS: (52)

An entry of 52 Cattle met with another very fast trade with cows selling to 171p/kg and a top price of £1179.90. Friesian Cows were to 138p/kg Heifers to 180p/kg and the overall top price was £1287.00

Cows

Limousin to 171p average 146.42p/kg

Belgian Blue to 145p average 140.22p/kg

Hereford to 132p average 120.90p/kg

Friesian to 138p average 118.46p/kg

Others to 135p average 132.46p/kg

Heifers

Limousin to 180p average 173.54p/kg

Friesian to 138p average 118.13p/kg

Steers

Friesian to 156p average 154.16p/kg

52 Cattle average 127.41p/kg

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New models join the Insignia family

Vauxhall has high hopes that the new Insignia will be a leader in the sector

VAUXHALL has announced changes to the Insignia family and the model that stands out for me is the 2.0 BiTurbo CDTI.

As competition for sales reaches new levels, all the automotive companies are out there looking for a USP and Vauxhall hope to have found the winning combination.

The model on test was the Sports Tourer containing the sequential double turbo system with two charging stages.

Buyers have the option to combine the new engine with front or all-wheel drive (AWD) and the Insignia 2.0 BiTurbo CDTI is available in all body styles.

The engine is designed to be especially agile

DRIVE TIME with Graham Breeze

under acceleration and jumps from 0-60mph in 8.4 seconds with a top speed of 134mph. Combined fuel figures of 55mpg and CO2 emissions of 134g/km mean this model is attractive for the fleet user too.

In this class of power and torque, six-cylinder diesel engines with around three-litre displacements are the usual choice. But the BiTurbo technology smaller engines produce even more output, while enabling 30 per cent lower fuel consumption and emissions than the norm.

All versions with manual transmission are equipped with Start/Stop technology, helping keep the fuel figures low.

So just how does it all work?

Quickly

Well I don't profess to understand all the technical jargon but the official line is: Two turbochargers of different sizes work either separately or together. The smaller turbocharger accelerates especially quickly at low engine speeds. This means the accelerator pedal responds without delay and the undesired "turbo lag" effect is prevented.

Starting at 1250rpm, the driver can already draw on 320Nm of torque and at 1750rpm maximum torque of 400Nm is provided.

In the mid-range of rpm both turbochargers operate together, with the larger turbocharger pre-compressing the intake air, before it is fully compressed in the smaller one.

Technology apart, the Insignia has a lot of competition out there and is still battling for real credibility. For me the car is a lot better on the motorway than on the country roads.

Handling could be sharper and the ride a bit smoother, but on the positive side passengers sit in comfort and there is plenty of room for five.

Six airbags and stability control are standard as are anti-whiplash front head restraints, and there's plenty of steering wheel adjustment options available.

Today the trend seems to be adopting a cabin which includes as much information as can possibly be squeezed into a centre console and Vauxhall may have gone a little too far this time.

It's a bit like sitting at someone else's computer screen – you should know where everything is but you're afraid to press the screen. Most of the functions are controlled by scrolling and that's not everyone's idea of heaven.

The whole point of having a tourer is to gain additional space and t here's plenty on offer in the Insignia. The rear seats fold flat at the flick of a switch – as good as any I have seen – to reveal a cavernous compartment.

The downside is the cost. The model on test hits the road at £29,475, meaning you have to find an awful lot of money up-front before you start reaping the benefit of all the savings.

All manual transmission models are equipped with Start/Stop technology

"The engine is designed to be especially agile under acceleration and jumps from 0-60mph in 8.4 seconds"

Good load space in the Sports Tourer

BUMPER TO BUMPER

Vauxhall Insignia Sports Tourer
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The 1.8-litre turbocharged petrol MG6 range is designed and engineered at MG Birmingham where final assembly also takes place.

Bank on a Porsche to hold value in the resale market

King of the road – the classic Porsche Boxster, is forecast to retain 51.9 per cent of its value

Porsche has the slowest depreciating cars in the UK, according to an analysis of more than 40,000 new models and prices from industry specialist CAP by Auto Express.

The best cars are those predicted to lose less than 50 per cent of their value over three years or 30,000 miles after being purchased new.

In pole position is the new Porsche 911 Carrera Cabriolet with a 'future trade value' of 55.3 per cent.

The iconic rear-engined sports car is joined by the Boxster, which is forecast to retain 51.9 per cent of its value.

The top position for the new 911 – which went on sale in December 2011 – demonstrates how the combination of efficient flat-six engines, benchmark driving dynamics and iconic design ensure the enduring appeal of the Porsche, and lead to slow depreciation.

High demand for pre-owned models, particularly through the official Porsche Approved programme, is a key contributor to the cars' residual values remaining strong over their lifetime.

The long-standing attraction of a Porsche is also a factor in their sustainability. In fact, around two-thirds of all Porsches ever built are still on the road today.

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It's just tow and go with Discovery

Reversing the behemoth proved a breeze with the Tow Assist system

The Land Rover is suitable for towing caravans and boats

By John Griffiths

As a complete novice in the black arts of towing, I wouldn't have chosen a 28-foot long, 2.3 tonne, double axle caravan worth over £50,000 for my first experience.

A little trailer designed for taking a bit of garden refuse to the tip would have been more my style. For a start there's no question of reversing: just unhitch and push has always been my solution.

But as it happens, Land Rover chose the rig for me as they wanted motoring journalists to try the Discovery 4 with its muscle and towing technology which make the challenge seem surprisingly easy. And which have won it Caravan Club awards for three years running.

They had created a small 'town' with thousands of cones outlining narrow streets, obstacles such as parked cars, tight bends, awkward junctions and even a 'garage' which you could only reverse into. My hopes weren't as high as the cones.

It was a good exercise in marketing by the Land Rover people who genuinely believe in their cars.

I completed the course slowly but faultlessly, with not a cone out of place and of course you have to believe it's the car which gets the credit. Just as they've taken a lot of the mystery and human element out of extreme off-road driving, they've now done the same with towing a caravan, horsebox or boat.

One of the secrets is Land Rover's 'tow assist' system, already standard on the Discovery and soon to be fitted to all new Range Rovers.

Rear view cameras to help you reverse aren't new, of course, even ones which predict the car's path depending on the position of the steering wheel.

The Discovery 4 has Tow Assist

But once hitched, tow assist automatically predicts the path of the caravan: remembering, of course that that is generally the opposite of the car. Put right hand lock on the steering, for example, and the trailer will be pushed to the left. Its predicted path is shown by coloured lines on the screen in the car's centre console.

Deliberately

With this system, even I managed to reverse the trailer around a 90-degree corner and into its garage. Being able to use the Discovery's low range gears I was able to creep very slowly and deliberately into position, which is no doubt why I was successful at the first attempt.

This would also be a boon for anyone towing a large boat out of the water, or a large trailer on soft ground.

But the system helps out even before you get to that stage, and it must be one of the few ways a driver could single-handedly hitch up a heavy trailer without the need for a 'spotter'. In most cars you can't even see the caravan's towing gear for the back seats/door/boot because of the angle once you get within a couple of yards.

After a couple of practice efforts, I was able to reverse up to the caravan from a dozen yards or more following the computed trajectory shown on the tow assist screen.

Having already lowered the Discovery's air suspension to the lowest 'access' position, the car's hook was precisely under the caravan's socket. Press the button to return the car to its normal ride height and the two were engaged – you just have to fit the safety wire and electric plug.

I didn't have to lift the caravan's towing hitch (I didn't fancy trying with a vehicle of this size) or jiggle it about to make the connection.

The Discovery 4 also has 'trailer stability assist' which automatically detects the presence of a trailer and, at speeds over 37mph, monitors its behaviour. If it starts swaying or weaving, the system brakes the right wheel or wheels to correct any potential problem.

The Discovery and its towing technology undoubtedly made my efforts in the challenge look good, but it seems it impresses the experts, too.

The car won the over 1,900kg class in the 2012 Town Car of the Year awards – its third successive victory.

Judge Nigel Donnelly said: "Having won the heavyweight class two years in a row, the Discovery 4 was always the red-hot favourite.

"The big Land Rover is even better than before, thanks to the addition of an eight speed automatic gearbox. It's smoother shifting than the old six-speeder and, along with tweaks to the engine, improves performance and economy.

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SPORT

Barwise leads the field at Weston

Weston Pools

Sunday, September 16, Claypit (16 anglers)

STEVE BARWISE won the match on his home pool, fishing long pole up in the water on pellet to catch roach and carp weighing 54-10.

Total Angling's Kevin Melville finished second, fishing corn in margins. Third was Barwise's club-mate, Colin Roberts.

1 Steve Barwise (Tri-cast Weston) peg 9, 54-10 Pole margins corn carp roach; 2 Kevin Melville (Total Angling) peg 19, 53-03 10mt pole up in water pellet/maggot carp; 3 Colin Roberts (Tri-cast Weston) peg 24, 38-15 pellet waggler carp to 5lbs.

4 Andy Philbin (Tri-cast Weston) peg 11, 27-09 short pole maggot carp roach; 5 Mike Philbin (Tri-cast Weston) peg 15, 24-09; 6 Richie Wood (Airbus) peg 29, 24-08.

Tuesday Weston Open, September 18 (19 anglers)

Mike Philbin had a runaway victory fishing peg 3 at the Wilfred Owen Pool to finish nearly 30lbs ahead of the field.

1 Mike Philbin (Tri-cast Weston) peg 3 Wilfred Owen 125-02 pole up in water pellet carp /tench, 2 Allan Jones (Tri-cast Weston) peg 18 Belvidere 96-08 short pole maggot pellet carp/barbel, 3 Jeff Hanson (Tri-cast Weston) peg 14 Stretton 68-08 up in water pellet maggot carp/barbel, 4 Chris Durrant (Church Gardens) peg 48 canal 65-06 corn/maggot margins.

Wednesday Over 55s, September 19 (36 anglers)

Only 5lbs separated the first three places with Ellesmere angler Mal Turley taking the lead with 70-10, ahead of Mike Williams and Steve Norman.

1 Mal Turley (Rod & Reel) peg 28 Stretton 70-10 short pole corn/pellet carp/barbel/tench, 2 Mike Williams (Church Stretton) peg 3 Belvidere 66-08 corn/maggot carp/tench, 3 Steve Norman (Connah's Quay) peg 6 Stretton 65-12 pellet waggler long pole carp/tench, 4 Les Picken (Connah's Quay) peg 12 Belvidere 62-00 maggot/pellet carp/barbel.

Friday Over 55s, September 21 (21 anglers)

Bolton's Bob Morris made a winning debut at Weston, taking the lead with a 66-01 catch of carp to 4lbs, tench and barbel on method feeder,

He saw off the challenge of local man Derek Buckle.

1 Bob Morris (Leigh Tackle & Bait, Bolton) peg 22 Stretton 66-01 method feeder maggot carp/tench, 2 Derek Buckle (Tri-cast Weston) peg 8 Stretton 52-08 short pole pellet/maggot carp/tench, 3 Arthur Wood (Tri-cast Weston) peg 4 Stretton 50-07 long pole maggot carp/tench, 4 Mel Kitson (Rod & Gun) peg 2 Stretton 50-06.

Saturday Weston Open September 22 (25 anglers)

Robbie Griffiths took the honours by 4lbs, fishing corn in margins and pellet up in the water and catching F1s, carp and tench for 103-04.

Chester angler Chris Lewis was in second.

1 Robbie Griffiths (Total Angling) peg 8 canal 103-04 margin up in water pellet carp/barbel/tench, 2 Chris Lewis (Tackle Locker Chester) peg 14 Stretton 99-01 method feeder maggot carp F1,s tench barbel, 3 Stuart Davies (Tackle Locker Chester) peg 5 Stretton 81-12 method feeder pellet, carp/tench/barbel.

4 Mark Edwards (Tri-cast Weston) peg 11 Stretton 59-14 short pole, 5 Phil Conde (Tri-cast Weston) peg 18 Stretton 59-06 8mt pole maggot/pellet carp F1,s tench & barbel, 6 Mick Keene (Tri-cast Weston) peg 6 Weir Pool 54-08 pellet/corn Pole, carp/F1s/tench.

Sunday Weston Open, September 23 (16 anglers)

1 Chris Lewis (Tackle Locker) peg 18 Belvidere 101-10, 2 Mike Philbin (Tri-cast Weston) peg 22 Belvidere 82-04, 3 Barry Gabrial (Deggy's) peg 6 Stretton pool 78-02.

4 Ian Leach peg 2 Stretton pool 73-04, 5 Dave Evans (Tri-cast Weston) peg 27 Belvidere 70-14, 6 Phil Harman peg 4 Stretton 50-06.

Medwyn Jones on his way to winning the overall event

Jones seals overall winner's title

MEDWYN JONES took the overall winner's title in the Hafren CC series. The last 25-mile time trial in the series was cut short due to bad weather and poor light conditions but with it being the last race everyone was out looking to pick up the last available point of the year towards the overall standings.

The series has become extremely tight and the final race was no different with the whole field of 20 riders completing the 10-mile course within seven minutes of each other.

Jones once again showed his domination on the big stage by taking the win on the night in 23:30, a result which ensured he also took the overall winner's title in the series.

Richard Williams pushed Medwyn all the way but narrowly missed out on first place by a mere nine seconds, stopping the clock in 23:39.

Darren Jarman took third place on the night in a time of 24:07 which ensured he gathered enough points to clinch joint third in the series with Carl Spencer.

Max Gethin claimed first place on the night in the junior section, stopping the clock on 24:24 and placing him fifth overall on the night.

Chris Roberts took second place in the section in a time of 27:28, 20 seconds ahead of Rob Williams in third.

Night results: 1 Medwyn Jones 23:30, 2 Richard Williams 23:39, 3 Darren Jarman 24:07, 4 John Bewley 24:12, 5 Max Gethin 24:24, 6 Carl Spencer 24:48, 7 Paul Bufton 25:02, 8 David Morris 25:11, 9 Glyn Jones 25.16, 10 Mike Williams 25:45.11 Gregor Banasik 26:34, 12 Mike Filek 26:39, 13 Mark Hill 27:02, 14 Adam 27:27, 15 Chris Roberts 27:28, 16 Lee Shakleton 27:31, 17 Rob Williams 27:48, 18 Garry Jerman 29:4, 5 19 Des Pugh 29:55, 20 Ian Coe (DNF)

Overall standings: 1. Medwyn Jones 391 points, 2 Max Gethin 386, 3 Carl Spencer 375, 4 Darren Jarman 375, 5 Paul Bufton: 363, 6 David Morris 346, 7 Mike Williams 331, 8 James Poff 327, 9 Glyn Jones 326, 10 Mark Hill 300, 11 Rob Williams 289, 12 Ian Coe 273, 13 Chris Roberts 24, 14 Des Pugh 219, 15 Steve Owen 196.

COBRA pounce as opponents fail to keep their discipline

RUGBY
by John Bridgwater

AFTER suffering a surprise home reverse the week before, COBRA are back on track in the Welsh League division two (north) with a convincing 38-8 win over newcomers Shotton Steel.

The Meifod men would have been disappointed to have lost 10-3 at home to Denbigh, but shrugged off that reverse as they notched their second win of the season – and also gained a bonus point with a fourth try in the last minute.

With Shotton paying the price for ill-discipline, COBRA took advantage – and will be looking to maintain the momentum in Saturday's re-arranged home clash with Llangollen.

The Deeside visitors arrived with a big, powerful outfit, but the home side proved a more mobile unit, particularly when their opponents were a man short in the second hlf.

Llew Williams twice gave COBRA the lead with penalties after Shotton had levelled, and slowly but surely the Llanfair Careinion men turned the screw as they pressed.

And they got their first try when the ball was killed close to the line, but flanker Richard Rees took a quick tap penalty to cross, Williams converting for a 13-3 lead.

Wild

A key moment of the game saw Shotton reduced to 14 men before half-time following a wild hack from a visiting defender in a desperate bid to halt Iwan Vaughan as he was about to pounce on a chip ahead to score. Williams kicked the resulting penalty for a 16-3 lead at the interval.

Another Williams penalty made it 19-3 after the break, and winger Rhodri Davies bagged his first try from an off-load as COBRA opened up a commanding lead, with Williams again supplying the extras.

Despite getting a try themselves, Shotton's hopes were further dented by a sin-binning which left them down to just 13 players for 10 minutes.

And with their defence stretched, Iwan Vaughan crossed for another try, converted by Williams.

Rhodri Davies completed the scoring with an unconverted try with the last play of the game which earned a bonus point.

COBRA's youngsters, meanwhile, launched their campaign in the North Wales Youth League division one with a 57-7 hammering of Colwyn Bay, Jack Jukes crossing for four tries in an impressive performance in what was a comfortable victory for the Mid Wales side.

Late kick hurts as Pool lose their lead

A LAST-GASP penalty put paid to Welshpool's winning start to the Welsh League division three (north) season as they fell to an agonising 18-15 loss at Flint.

After winning their first two games of the season, Pool looked well-placed to make it three as they led 15-5 at the interval following a first half they dominated.

But Flint clawed their way back in the second period and, after their visitors had been penalised close to half way, they landed a well-taken penalty to snatch the victory.

Defeat was hard on Welshpool, who had dominated the first half. Indeed, on one of the few times that Flint ventured into the Maesydre side's half they actually went over the line.

The visitors ran in three tries in the first period through No.8 Ryan Goodwin, who crossed after just a couple of minutes, flanker Jack Brady and young winger Rhys Jones, who touched down for the second week running.

Daley Jones was unable to add any points with the boot and Flint looked more menacing in the second period as they battled back to get on terms.

The encounter looked to be heading for a draw, which would have been a fair reflection on proceedings, but the Deesiders struck a crucial penalty with virtually the last kick of the game as they capitalised on an infringement.

At least, Welshpool had the consolation of one bonus point for being within seven points of their rivals, but it was a hard defeat to take as they prepare to host Rhos in the North Wales Cup on Saturday.

Davies shines in derby day win

COBRA II scrum half Bryn Davies on the move during his side's 33-5 win over neighbours Welshpool II. Davies scored one of his side's trys and kicked four conversions during the friendly derby clash.

Dan's dazzling score salvages draw for Colts

HAVING secured their first win of the season against Burnley the previous week, the young Oswestry Colts were on a high but were forced to battle hard for a draw with Congleton with an under-strength team.

The Colts managed to raise only 13 players due to injury and unavailability against Congleton which hampered their chances of securing a second victory.

Congleton kindly loaned Oswestry a player and, despite being a player short, they managed to finish 27-27 thanks to a fine fightback, capped by an excellent try from fly-half Dan Harriman.

The Eaglets found themselves 22-5 down at half-time, Jack Fox getting their score with a scintillating run.

After the break, they clawed their way back to 22-15 with touchdowns from prop Luke Roberts and captain Will Roberts.

With confidence now high the forwards worked a number of phases to enable scrum-half Jake Smith to feed centre Fox for another dazzling run through the Congleton defence to score under the posts which he then converted to level the scores at 22-22.

With just five minutes left Congleton regained the lead when pouncing on a loose ball but, with the clock ticking away, Oswestry salvaged a draw when fly-half Harriman set off on a spectacular run half the length of the pitch.

Man of the match was awarded jointly to Fox for his touch kicks and superb attacking runs, and Nathan Corbett for his ferocious tackling.

The Colts' next match is at home on Sunday against Stockport (12.30pm).

Fightback is too late to save the young Eagles

DESPITE an improved performance, Oswestry II suffered a narrow 22-17 loss at Altrincham Kersal – their first defeat of the season in the Raging Bull North West League division three (south).

With a youthful starting 15, backed up well by a vastly experienced bench, the signs looked good for another away win for the Eagles' second string.

But it was not to be despite showing great defensive improvement with strong tackling from Luca Owen-Youens and Jake Richards which, combined with great counter-rucking from old heads Mike Owen and Kelvin Wilford, ensured that Altrincham's early possession came to nothing.

Slowly, as Oswestry saw more of the ball, sniping runs around the contact area from Jake Northwood and Dale Downes, led to space being created out wide for Jake Richards to skip through a couple of tackles and score under the posts for a wonderful opening try which was converted.

From the restart Altrincham redoubled their efforts and a missed tackle saw them score a try. They got their noses in front 8-7 at the interval with a penalty despite the visitors having sustained pressure.

After the interval, Oswestry regained their focus in attack and defence and soon found themselves camped deep in the opposition half.

This time they were not to be denied with Jamie Luckett crossing the whitewash for his first try for the club, the score unconverted.

As both sides began to tire, Oswestry paid the price for sloppy tackling as they found themselves 22-12 down and, despite a third text-book try from the superb backs, were unable to retrieve the situation.

They look to bounce back at home to Sandbach III on Saturday.

PLACINGS

Shropshire County Cricket League

FINAL TABLES

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	C	Pts
Quatt	22	11	2	0	7	322
Wem	22	10	4	3	4	317
Newport	22	10	1	2	7	263
St Georges	22	8	1	2	8	253
Ludlow & SS	22	7	4	1	5	245
Reman Services	22	5	7	2	7	240
Wroxeter & Upp	22	7	2	5	5	219
Albrighton	22	6	2	2	5	206
Bomere Heath	22	5	1	4	9	199
Worfield	22	4	2	4	4	168
Much Wenlock	22	3	2	3	10	145
Shelton	22	2	4	4	5	141

DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	C	Pts
Allscott	22	14	2	1	4	369
Cound	22	10	3	1	4	298
Frankton	22	8	5	3	5	272
Welshpool	22	8	3	1	6	260
Broseley	22	7	2	2	9	246
Newtown	22	6	3	3	6	231
Madeley	22	6	1	2	8	229
Forton	22	5	1	5	7	203
Alberbury	22	4	5	2	7	196
Montgomery	22	5	4	5	4	188
Market Drayton	22	5	4	5	3	174
Knockin & Kinn	22	3	1	4	5	149

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	C	Pts
Condover	22	13	2	1	5	367
Lillesha ll	22	11	1	5	5	324
Pontesbury	22	10	1	6	4	322
Wellington III	22	10	1	5	6	293
Corvedale	22	8	0	8	6	252
Ellesmere	22	6	1	6	9	246
Bishops Castle	22	7	3	4	6	239
Tibberton	22	7	1	11	2	228
Iscoyd & Fenns Bk	22	4	6	4	8	202
Llanidloes	22	5	0	10	7	159
Willey	22	2	3	10	6	144
Acton Reynald	22	1	1	14	6	101

DIVISION 3

	P	W	D	L	C	Pts
Grove	22	10	4	6	1	319
Beacon	22	10	3	3	6	310
Whittington	22	5	7	5	4	287
Wheaton Aston	22	8	3	4	6	271
Cae Glas	22	5	7	2	7	255
St Georges III	22	4	6	4	7	242
Oswestry III	22	6	3	6	7	238
Shrewsbury III	22	6	4	5	7	228
Chelmarsh	22	7	1	3	8	226
Shifnal III	22	4	3	9	6	192
Church Stretton	22	2	5	8	6	134
Trysull & Seisdon	22	3	1	15	3	109

DIVISION 4

	P	W	D	L	C	Pts
Calverhall	22	11	2	1	8	338
Harcourt	22	7	4	2	6	296
Church Aston	22	8	4	3	7	280
Wem III	22	6	3	5	6	255
Newport III	22	5	4	4	7	251
Overton-on-Dee	22	8	3	6	4	250
Guilsfield	22	5	0	5	11	205
Hodnet & Peplow	22	4	5	6	7	203
Hinstock	22	3	4	7	6	184
Whitchurch III	22	2	3	9	6	167
Bridgnorth III	22	2	3	8	8	143
Frankton III	22	1	8	7	4	125

DIVISION 5

	P	W	D	L	C	Pts
Prees	20	11	2	0	5	317
Ludlow SS III	20	11	1	5	2	308
Bomere Heath III	20	7	3	4	5	262
Hales	20	8	2	6	4	245
Quayside	20	8	2	3	7	227
Harpers	20	6	1	8	4	227
Worfield III	20	7	2	7	4	204
Lillesha ll III	20	4	4	6	4	173
Knockin & Kinn III	20	3	5	9	3	172
Coton Hall	20	1	1	12	5	121
Welshpool III	20	1	2	7	7	86

DIVISION 6

	P	W	D	L	C	Pts
Wellington V	22	10	2	2	6	336
Oswestry IV	22	8	4	2	6	330
Iscoyd & FB II	22	8	4	3	5	287
Madeley III	22	7	6	5	4	287
Ludlow & SS IV	22	6	4	4	6	275
Grove II	22	7	0	7	4	264
Shifnal V	22	6	5	2	7	262
St Georges IV	22	8	2	5	7	259
Ellesmere II	22	7	2	1	7	229
Reman Services III	22	4	8	5	4	205
Pontesbury III	22	3	6	8	4	183
Alberbury III	22	3	3	7	7	182
Allscott III	22	2	5	6	6	174
Whittington II	22	2	6	7	4	172
Calverhall II	22	4	1	6	7	164
Quatt III	22	3	7	4	6	145
Llanidloes II	22	0	2	6	7	115
Whitchurch IV	22	1	3	9	5	85

RESERVE DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	C	Pts
Newport II	22	13	1	1	6	349
Wem II	22	8	5	2	5	289
Quatt II	22	10	1	2	6	277
St Georges II	22	8	4	4	3	258
Cound II	22	7	2	4	6	229
Worfield II	22	6	3	2	5	220
Ludlow & SS II	22	6	2	5	6	219
Lillesha ll II	22	6	5	3	7	213
Wroxeter & Upp II	22	5	4	1	8	209
Reman Services II	22	5	4	5	5	150
Madeley II	22	2	1	2	12	123
Frankton II	22	1	4	5	5	105

RESERVE DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	C	Pts
Welling IV	14	7	0	3	4	192
Welshpool II	14	7	0	2	5	190
Alberbury II	14	6	1	2	5	183
Montgomery II	14	5	0	3	6	156
Pontesbury II	14	6	0	3	5	154
Albrighton II	14	4	1	4	5	145
Allscott II	14	2	2	6	4	110
Knockin & Kinn II	13	2	1	4	6	104
Bomere Heath II	14	2	0	2	10	101
Shelton II	14	1	2	4	7	97
Newtown II	13	1	0	6	6	78
Much Wenlock II	14	0	1	4	9	56

RESERVE DIVISION 3

	P	W	D	L	C	Pts
Condover II	14	6	3	1	3	221
Beacon II	14	5	2	1	5	185
Willey II	14	5	3	1	5	162
Market Drayton II	14	5	0	4	5	155
Tibberton II	14	3	0	3	8	143
Bishops Castle II	14	3	2	3	6	141
Forton II	14	1	3	3	6	130
Cae Glas II	14	3	2	2	7	127
Shifnal IV	14	1	2	2	9	100
Corvedale II	14	1	0	5	7	91
Broseley II	14	1	0	6	7	71
Acton Reynald II	14	1	2	4	5	55

FIXTURES

Huws Gray Cymru Alliance

Caersws v Holyhead Hotspur, Penrhyncoch v Conwy Borough, Penycae v Llanrhaeadr, Rhayader Town v Guilsfield, Ruthin Town v Cefn Druids.

FAW Trophy, round two (2.30pm): Bow Street v Llanidloes Town, Carno v Llandrindod Wells, Knighton v Tywyn Bryncrug, Llanfair Utd v Welshpool, Machynlleth v Berriew, Montgomery v Four Crosses, Pontrhydfendigaid v Presteigne, Caernarfon v Llanyllin Town.

Spar Mid Wales League

Division one

(2.30pm) Aberaeron v Newbridge-on-Wye, Builth Wells v Dolgellau, Waterloo v Llansantffraid Village.

Division two: Abermule v Aberdyfi, Rhosgoch v Kerry.

SPORT

PLACINGS

Huws Gray Alliance

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Rhyl	8	8	0	28	5	24
Flint Town United	8	5	1	23	7	17
Cefn Druids	8	5	1	17	8	17
Caersws	8	5	2	18	7	16
Penrhyncoch	8	3	3	14	16	11
Conwy Borough	8	3	2	11	13	12
Rhayader Town	8	3	4	13	15	10
Penycae	8	3	3	16	19	11
Guilsfield	8	2	4	7	15	8
Ruthin Town	8	2	4	17	16	8
Llandudno	8	2	4	8	16	8
Rhydymwyn	8	2	4	14	25	8
Buckley Town	8	2	3	11	9	9
Holyhead Hotspur	8	3	5	15	18	9
Llanrhaeadr	8	1	4	10	25	6
Porthmadog	8	1	6	10	18	4

Spar Mid Wales League

Division one: Bow Street 7, Dyffryn Banw 4; Builth Wells 1, Berriew 1; Dolgellau 1, Welshpool 4; Llandilloes 2, Four Crosses 2; Llansantffraid Village 1, Aberaeron 2; Tywyn Bryncrug 2, Montgomery 1; Waterloo 5, Newbridge-on-Wye 3.

Division two: Aberdyfi 3, Hay St Marys 3; Kerry 4, Bont 0; Knighton 0, Abermule 1; Llandrindod Wells 0, Llanfair Utd 1; Llanfyllin 3, Rhosgoch 3; Machynlleth 2, Talgarth 4.

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Four Crosses	7	5	0	22	8	17
Llandilloes	7	5	1	33	8	16
Aberaeron	6	5	0	16	2	16
Berriew	8	4	1	23	8	15
Waterloo	6	3	2	18	18	10
Tywyn/Bryncrug	5	3	2	13	9	9
Bow Street	7	2	2	19	19	9
Montgomery	5	2	1	9	5	8
Builth Wells	6	2	2	11	17	8
Carno	7	2	4	12	14	7
Newbridge	5	2	3	13	14	6
Welshpool	7	2	5	13	27	6
Llansantffraid	6	1	3	15	17	5
Dolgellau	7	1	6	8	30	3
Dyffryn Banw	7	0	7	8	37	0

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Llanfair Utd	5	5	0	16	2	15
Hay St Marys	6	4	0	28	12	14
Llandrindod Wells	4	4	1	13	3	12
Rhosgoch	6	2	2	19	16	8
Talgarth	6	2	2	14	13	8
Aberdyfi	5	2	1	16	17	8
Presteigne	3	2	0	13	6	7
Kerry	5	2	3	8	11	6
Abermule	6	1	4	11	21	4
Bont	5	1	4	8	25	3
Llanfyllin	4	0	2	6	12	2
Knighton	3	0	2	4	7	1
Machynlleth	5	0	4	7	18	1

Mercian League

Premier division: Dawley Town 2, Church Stretton 2; FC Hodnet 0, Telford Juniors 3; Morda Utd 1, Allscott 1; Wellington Amateurs Reserves 1, Oakengates Athletic 2; Weston Rhyn 0, Ludlow 1; Whitchurch Alport 3, Ketley Bank 3.

Division one: Bishop's Castle Town 1, Morda Utd Reserves 1; Brown Clee 0, Oswestry Boys Club 0; Clee Hill 1, Madeley Sports 4; Meole Brace 0, Wroxeter Rovers 1; Shawbury Utd Reserves 0, Oswestry Lions 5; Prees 3, Hopesgate 1; Wrockwardine Wood Juniors 0, Ketley Town 9.

Division two: Childs Ercall 3, AFC Wellington 2; Claverley 4, Athletico Broseley 0; Denso 0, Albrighton Juniors 2; Donnington Sports and Social 2, Randlay 2012 2; Edgmond Rangers 5, Highley Miners Welfare 2; Impact Utd 1, Market Drayton Tigers 3; Madeley Sports Reserves 1, Spalaig Britannia 0; Oakengates Rangers 2, Wrockwardine Wood 1.

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Oakengates Ath	7	5	1	18	8	16
Telford Jnrs	6	4	0	12	6	14
FC Hodnet	7	4	1	11	5	14
Church Stretton	8	4	2	15	14	14
Allscott	6	4	2	18	10	12
AFC Ludlow	5	3	1	15	9	10
Morda Utd	5	3	2	11	8	9
Shifnal Utd 97	7	2	4	10	13	7
Dawley Town	4	1	2	4	9	4
Weston Rhyn	6	1	4	6	12	4
Whitchurch Alp Rs	6	1	4	8	14	4
Wellington Am Rs	6	1	4	9	17	4
Ketley Bank Utd	7	0	6	8	20	1

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Madeley Sports	8	8	0	39	3	24
Ketley Town	7	6	1	46	9	18
Prees	6	5	1	21	10	15
Oswestry Lions	6	4	2	17	13	12
Rock Rovers	6	3	1	26	14	11
Bishop's Castle	6	3	1	11	7	11
Brown Clee	7	3	3	18	15	10
Oswestry Boys Clb	7	3	3	13	12	10
Clee Hill	6	2	3	14	20	7
Morda Utd Rs	6	2	3	10	20	7
Wroxeter Rovers	5	2	3	8	13	6
Hopesgate Utd	6	1	5	15	26	3
Wrock Wood Jnrs	5	1	4	7	27	3
Shawbury Utd Rs	8	1	7	7	34	3
Meole Brace	7	0	7	4	33	0

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Oakengates Rgs	8	7	1	31	9	21
AFC Wellington	7	6	1	33	16	18
Market Drayton Tgr	7	6	1	20	7	18
Childs Ercall	6	5	1	36	8	15
Athletico Broseley	7	5	2	24	16	15
Claverley	7	4	3	27	14	12
Donnington S&S	7	3	3	17	12	10
Randlay 2012	7	3	3	22	18	10
Edgmond Rgrs	6	3	3	24	10	9
Wrock Wood	6	3	3	21	13	9
Impact	7	2	5	14	25	6
Madeley Sports Rs	7	2	5	9	26	6
Highley Miners Wlf	7	2	5	14	35	6
Spalaig Britannia	8	2	6	11	43	6
Albrighton Jnrs	5	1	4	6	15	3
Denso	8	0	8	4	46	0

West Midlands League

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Gornal Athletic Rs	6	5	1	0	9	16
Mahal Res	7	4	1	2	11	13
Team Dudley	8	4	1	3	10	13
Newport Town	6	4	1	1	9	13
Ledbury Town	8	3	3	2	9	12
Sikh Hunters	5	4	0	1	5	12
Red Star Alma	7	4	0	3	2	12
Penkridge Town	6	3	2	1	13	11
Bartestree	8	3	2	3	-3	11
Wrens Nest	7	3	1	3	11	10
Riverway	8	2	4	2	1	10
Tenbury Utd	8	3	1	4	-9	10
Hereford Lads Clb	4	1	3	0	2	6
WTon Sporting Rs	8	2	0	6	-26	6
Ettingshall Pk Farm	7	1	2	4	-5	5
Malvern Rngrs	6	0	1	5	-8	1
Malvern Town Rs	7	0	1	6	-31	1

Roche North Shropshire League

Plough 2, Dudleston Heath 5; Black Lion Colts 1, Athletico Market 1; Ironworks 1, Oswestry Bell 4; Cross Foxes 7, Oak Inn 1; Keys 4, Malpas 5.

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Malpas	4	3	1	15	13	9
Cross Foxes	3	2	0	16	8	7
Athletico Market	4	2	1	11	7	7
The Keys	3	2	1	10	6	6
Black Lion Colts	3	1	1	11	8	4
Oswestry Bell	2	1	0	7	4	4
Dudleston Heath	3	1	2	8	9	3
Ironworks	3	1	1	8	14	3
Oak Inn	4	1	3	12	19	3
The Plough	3	0	3	3	13	0

Four Crosses make point and stay on top

FOUR CROSSES kept their noses in front at the top of the Spar Mid Wales League division one after securing a deserved 2-2 draw at fellow pacesetters Llanidloes Town.

After a goalless first half of few clear cut chances, Nick Popky's side went ahead with a stunning 25-yard strike from Ben Oakley that flew past keeper Dave Jones.

However, Llani rallied as Karl Seliearts levelled with a super 30-yard effort, and then turned provider as he squared for top scorer Jamie Breese to tap in.

In between Gaz Jones was denied by a fine save from home stopper Jones with his legs, but Four Crosses were not to be denied as they earned parity with seven minutes remaining through Matty Jones after good work from Andy Webb to maintain their unbeaten start to the season.

It was also a good day for WELSHPOOL TOWN who shrugged off their 8-0 hammering at the hands of Berriew in midweek with a much needed 4-1 win at fellow strugglers Dolgellau.

Injury problems continue to haunt the Lilywhites with outfield player Mike Bebb forced to take over in goal after Jon Gamble was injured in the pre-match warm-up.

But they made light of the late change as Mike Cockram opened the scoring from the penalty spot after James Langford had been fouled.

Langford then made it 2-0 before Keith Morris pulled one back at half-time to revive the home side.

Langford's second from a corner after the interval gave Pool some breathing space before Jack Williams sealed his side's second win of the season.

A young LLANSANTFFRAID VILLAGE could take positives from their 2-1 home loss to third placed Aberaeron.

Chris Aitken gave the villagers the lead from a corner but the visitors hit back courtesy of a disputed goal after the ball appeared to be handled before going on to secure the win in the second period.

DYFFRYN BANW remain marooned at the foot of the table after suffering their seventh straight loss, but showed spirit in their 7-4 defeat at Bow Street.

Long ball

BERRIEW, lying in fourth, were held 1-1 at Builth Wells whose Sam Williams cancelled out an opener from Jackson Hassanye, while mid-table MONTGOMERY lost ground after going down 2-1 at Tywyn Bryncrug.

WATERLOO ROVERS notched hard-earned 5-3 home win over Newbridge to move up to fifth, and within range of the leading pack.

LLANFAIR UNITED are going great guns in the Spar Mid Wales League division two – and have now soared to the top with a 1-0 success at Llandrindod Wells.

The Wellmen had gone into the clash with a 100 per cent record, but were shot down by a goal from Geraint Jones on the hour – his ninth in five outings – after Chris Gethin had squared following a long ball from Paul Griffiths.

Previous leaders Hay St Mary's were held 3-3 at Aberdyfi while LLANFYLLIN remain in the lower half of the table after sharing six goals from Rhosgoch.

KERRY were 4-0 home winners over Bont, Abermule won 1-0 at Knighton while Talgarth prevailed 4-2 at Machynlleth.

U11s find shooting boots for fine win

UNDER 8S

Llanymynech beat Shawbury Harriers. Another good performance from the Under 8s saw them overcome a young Shawbury side. Llanymynech played some excellent football with goals coming from Jac Herbert (11), Coran Green (4), Louis Dulson (3), Jack Dean (2) and Glyn Jenkins (1)

UNDER 9S

Llanymynech 3 v 0 Saha Tigers. Llanymynech entertained Saha and within only one substitute at their disposal they had to work really hard. Llanymynech played some great football to record another win.

The first half saw goals from Leon Evans and Ryan Edwards, and Ryan Edwards doubled his tally by adding his second in the second period.

Leon Evans was man of the match for both his excellent first half playing out and an equally good performance in the second half between the sticks.

UNDER 13 DRAGONS

Shrewsbury up and Comer Hawks 11 v 1 Llanymynech Dragons. Llanymynech went to Shrewsbury and came up against a very different Hawks team from the previous season.

A bad day at the office for the team although there were signs of improvement in the second half and they kept playing to the end. Joe Graybrook got Llanymynech's consolation goal following some good pressing by Daniel Humphreys and a fine pass from Tom Shelton.

UNDER 13 LIONS

Market Drayton Tiger Colts 4 v 2 Llanymynech Lions. Llanymynech made the long journey to Market Drayton and played their part in an end to end game.

Sublime

With Market Drayton's small pitch space was at a premium and the game was very close throughout the first half and just when it looked like it was going to be 0-0 at the break a low cross from the home side was not cleared and the ball was fired in from close range.

Llanymynech started the second half well but a long throw from the home side was headed in to make it 2-0. A superb long range shot from Man of the Match Xavie Clarke pulled one back, only for Drayton to score their own long range effort minutes later.

Rhys Pain then scored a sublime free-kick finding the top corner. Llanymynech were now throwing everything at the home side to grab a point but when they failed to clear on the edge of the box the resulting shot crept in to make it 4-2.

UNDER 14S

Worthen Juniors 6 v 0 Llanymynech. Llanymynech travelled to Worthen without regular goalkeeper Joe Conde and top goal scorer Joe Kelly and struggled against a decent Worthen side eventually losing 6-0.

There was a notable performance from Olly Hartley making his debut.

UNDER 16S

Shawbury 0 v Llanymynech 0. Llanymynech travelled to Shawbury with only 10 men available and once again they put in a dogged display and should have left with all three points but for some fine goalkeeping from the Shawbury keeper.

A special mention to Sam Morris who deputised in goal and pulled off a couple of great saves for Llanymynech. Man of the match went to Joe Davies for his commanding performance at the heart of the defence.

Llanrhaeadr stop the rot after battling for a draw

AFTER conceding 13 goals in their previous two Cymru Alliance outings, second bottom LLANRHAEADR looked to be heading for more misery when they found themselves two goals down at home to Ruthin Town.

Iwan Roberts and Jordon McCarter both found the net inside the first 20 minutes for Ruthin, but the villagers showed plenty of spirit to hit back for a 2-2 draw with replies from Chris Stevens (with a 44th minute penalty) and Rob Fox (66).

"After the last two games, we could have folded, but the lads showed a lot of character and quality," said boss Dan Stevens.

"When you're 2-0 down, you'd take a point but it was a game we could have won as we had enough chances. We hit the bar twice while their keeper made some good saves.

"But the important thing was that we got something out of the game to stop the rot and it means that Ruthin haven't got away from us."

Llanrhaeadr, still struggling with injuries, made the worst possible start as Roberts opened the Ruthin account after nine minutes and McCarter added a second on 20, both sloppy goals from the hosts' perspective.

But they clawed their way back into the game with a penalty from Chris Stevens on the stroke of half time, awarded for handball, his first goal for the club.

Fired

After the break, they had the better of the game and were back on terms when a long throw from Stevens was knocked down and Fox fired home.

They had enough opportunities to have snatched all three points, but failed to take them with Kady Seabrook blazing golden chance over the bar right at the death.

With the team's injury problems showing no sign of relenting, boss Dan Stevens is looking to bolster his squad ahead of the weekend's trip to Penycae and has put seven days notice of approach on a couple of players.

GUILSFIELD slipped into the lower reaches of the Cymru Alliance after being edged out 1-0 at Holyhead Hotspurs, whose Curt Williams bagged the game's only goal 16 minutes from time.

FOOTBALL
by John Bridgwater

However, it was a fortuitous effort that decided the encounter, the ball looping over the keeper after bouncing off the striker's heel as Martyn Ziemann tried to clear.

Without a number of key personnel, it was a plucky display from the visitors, with Ian Probert going closest when firing over with just the keeper to beat.

But, while their home form has been solid this season, the Guils were left to reflect on another barren away day as they struggle to get into the top half of the table.

They head to Rhayader Town on Saturday, and will be keen to improve their form on their travels against a side who are themselves likely to be one of the strugglers this season.

Guilsfield's cause was not helped last week with a number of players missing, including central defender James Henderson through suspension while the lively Will Thomas was at a wedding.

Mike Parry had to pull out due to tonsillitis and Nathan Leonard was working to add to the problems.

Even so, the depleted side acquitted themselves well, having the better of the first half, with Probert having the best opportunity when put through one-on-one on the keeper only to fire over the bar.

Lowly Holyhead shaded the second period, but a draw looked to be the fair outcome with little between the sides until Williams netted a somewhat freakish goal for the Anglesey hosts.

New date for cup clash

THE NEW SAINTS have re-arranged their Welsh Premier League Cup clash with Prestatyn after Tuesday night's fixture was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

The Saints' second-round trip was one of the first ties to be called off following a lunchtime inspection at Bastion Gardens.

The game will now be played on Tuesday evening with a 7.30pm kick off.

Super Saints pass screen test and go top

Happy days – New Saints striker Mike Wilde celebrates after scoring his side's second goal against Bangor at Park Hall. Wilde then capped a fine return performance, setting up the third goal. Picture: Andrew Cook.

Wilde nets on return to club

The New Saints 3 Bangor 0

AFTER not finding the net for three games, The New Saints rediscovered the scoring touch as they regained pole position in the Welsh Premier with victory over previous pacesetters Bangor City.

Looking purposeful from the off, Alex Darlington made the breakthrough on 14 minutes before Mike Wilde – making his first start since his return to TNS – doubled the lead in the second period and then set up Chris Seargeant to seal the victory late on.

It was a satisfying win for TNS who shrugged off any fears of a goal drought with a convincing display in front not the live TV cameras at Park Hall to move above the Citizens on goal difference.

"It was a very pleasing result and also performance," said head coach Carl Darlington. "We knew we hadn't won or scored in three games, and we had something to prove to ourselves.

"The players went out and played with so much energy, commitment and enthusiasm from start to finish.

"At times we played some great football and opened Bangor up, we made the right decisions and on other days could have had two or three more goals. It was also pleasing that we kept a clean sheet, and we have still only conceded three goals this season."

Wilde, proving a handful throughout, had the ball in the net early on but was ruled offside after tucking away a loose ball after Seargeant's curling shot had been spilled by City keeper Lee Idzi.

But the Saints were not to be denied and took the lead in the 14th-minute when Darlington pounced on a loose ball, and burst past defender Dave Morley and into the box before neatly lifting the ball past keeper Idzi.

With the defending champions making the running, Idzi had to be alert to save a header from Wilde following a Chris Jones cross from the right, while Sam Finley blazed over from the edge of the box after another strong run by Darlington.

Darlington was unlucky to have another effort ruled out on 26 minutes for offside by an over-zealous linesman after being released by Finley.

Bangor rarely posed an attacking threat, although they did have a couple of goal bound efforts blocked.

After the break, the Saints extended their advantage on 54 minutes when Chris Jones weaved his way past a couple of defenders and into the box before the ball fell loose for Wilde to net from seven yards.

Darlington hit the side netting after being put through by Jones on the left, while Sion Edwards went on a great run from halfway for Bangor but fired straight at home keeper Paul Harrison.

Wilde went close to a second but his angled drive was well saved by Idzi at the near post, while at the other end

Chris Roberts also tested Harrison with a sharp volley from the edge of the box.

However, it was TNS who had the last word seven minutes from time when Darlington's cross was headed back across goal by Wilde for former City midfielder Seargeant to fire home from close range.

Seven up for super U15s

OSWESTRY Boys Club under 15's hit a magnificent seven when they travelled to Whitchurch.

The Oswestry side are still boasting a 100 per cent record in the A league – and this result won't have done their goal-difference any harm, with Nick Crouch netting a hat-trick.

Other goalscorers: Sam Lewis, Jack Morris, Louis Morris, Keiran Bergoyne.

SPORT

Tigers put up a fight for Robbo

OSWESTRY BOYS CLUB

UNDER 9

SAHA 2 Oswestry Tigers 1

TIGERS had a special guest for their match at SAHA Patriots – Manchester United and England legend Bryan Robson.

Robson is godfather of two of the Tigers players.

Both teams put in a tremendous amount of effort in the first half but the scoreline remained 0-0 at half-time.

The Patriots started the second half strongly, hitting the woodwork on numerous occasions before finally breaking the deadlock.

Tigers responded well and had chances of their own, but the Patriots doubled their lead midway through the second half.

This could have deflated the Oswestry team but they managed to find some extra energy and were rewarded when a Max Thomas cross was deflected by a Saha defender into his own net to provide a glimmer of hope.

But time ran out on a courageous effort from the Tigers against a very good SAHA team.

Man of the match was Kian Thomas

UNDER 10

Oswestry Ultimates 4 Worthen 2

The Ultimates had another good match with goals from Robbie Bateman (2), Jay Stewart and an own goal.

Man of the match was Charlie Humphreys.

UNDER 12

Shrewsbury Juniors 1 Oswestry Boys Club 5

The Oswestry goalscorers were Huw France (2), Lewis Stewart (2) and Sam Norwood. It was another strong performance from all the boys.

UNDER 14

Baschurch 1 Oswestry 2

Oswestry were back to winning ways against their local rivals Baschurch who had won their previous two games.

Ollie Fields put the visitors in front from close range with a neat cross from Tom Rodgers.

The visitors continued to push for a second with good efforts from Charlie Harding and Reece Jones but it was the home side who struck level just before half-time.

Oswestry came out in the second half continuing to dominate and it was no surprise when Tom Rodgers gave them the lead again from a set-piece.

And with Baschurch's keeper making some fine saves and the crossbar defying Oswestry, the visitors could have won more comfortably.

Man of the match was Ollie Fields.

UNDER 15

Whitchurch 0 Oswestry 7

Oswestry produced another fantastic team performance to keep their 100 per cent record going with a powerful away display.

The goals came from Sam lewis, Jack Morris, Louis Morris, Keiran Bergoyne and a hat-trick from Nick Crouch.

Hockey begins

OSWESTRY men's hockey side kick off their season with a trip to Yardley on Saturday in West Midlands League division two.

They start their home campaign the following week with a clash against Shropshire neighbours Ludlow.

Lloyd hat-trick fires Cross Foxes to win

A MIKE LLOYD hat-trick helped Cross Foxes thump Oak Inn 7-1 in the North Shropshire Sunday League, ***writes ROGER CANDLIN.***

Adam Herbert's brace and further goals from Gareth Hardy and Joe Pierpoint completed the scoring.

Dudleston Heath gained their first points of the season at the Plough, winning 5-2. Youngster Connor Pitcher opened the scoring before the Plough equalised. Andrew Allen restored Dudleston's lead but Plough levelled again before Guy Guilford (2) and Pitcher's second secured victory.

Black Lion Colts and Athletico Market had to share the spoils after a 1-1 draw. Oswestry Bell beat Ironworks 4-1 thanks to goals by Matt Jones, Callum Bromley, Nathan Leonard and Nick Davies. George Turner hit a consolation.

A last-gasp Ross Chapman strike gave Malpas a 5-4 victory over The Keys. Ryan Lightwood, Daryl Davies, Brian Wood and Jamie Williams scored for The Keys, who surrendered a 2-0 and 4-2 lead. Luke Woollam (2), Gary Grogan, Alex Hewitt and Chapman scored for Malpas.

The Moreton Hall lacrosse team celebrate their Welsh Rally championship victory

Rally good show by Moreton Hall girls

MORETON HALL started the lacrosse season with the second team winning the Welsh Rally at Haberdashers Monmouth.

Head of sport, Kate Groves, said: "They were outstanding, winning all of their games and at times playing at a standard on a par with many of the first teams."

The first team won against Worcester, St Mary's Calne, Malvern St James and Westonbirt, finishing third overall.

Meanwhile the under-15 team was placed second overall after losing narrowly to St Mary's Calne (7-6).

The third team played in the second team competition with the highlight being a 1-1 draw against Malvern St James.

"Lacrosse is entering exciting times at Moreton," continues Groves. "We have just taken on an English Lacrosse Association (ELA) lacrosse development officer and we are now the regional centre for lacrosse.

"We will be hosting the under-19 England open lacrosse trials on Sunday and we are in the process of setting up a Community Lacrosse Club."

Winning blast from Allscott as Morda pound goalposts

Morda United 1 Allscott 4

MORDA hit the woodwork three times but visitors Allscott found the net on as many occasions as they virtually sealed the points in the first half.

Dan Graham, who caused problems for the Allscott defence all afternoon, got a goal back within a minute of the restart, however a comeback was not to be as the impressive visitors added to their score, then held firm as Morda failed to find the net again.

Both sides had early chances in the Mercian League Premier clash with Morda delivering some dangerous crosses and Allscott looking lively on the break. From one early cross, Gareth Lewis headed just over then raham was unlucky to hit the post after a good run.

At the other end, Sam Jones proved alert, advancing from his goal smartly to save his side. On the half-hour, the experienced Matt Boswell opened the scoring for the visitors, pouncing to tap home after the Morda defence failed to clear a cross.

Neat interplay led to Ben Parker grabbing Allscott's second.

Graham continued to cause problems for the visiting defence and was again unlucky when he drew a fine save from keeper Steven Parry.

Graham and Guy Guilford both tested Parry again before Boswell put his side three-up with a penalty five minutes before the break.

Straight from the restart Graham took too long when a cross unexpectedly reached him, but within a minute made no mistake, hitting the net for Morda.

But the home defence was immediately caught cold as Nathan Childs scored a fourth for Allscott from long range.

Both Mike Lloyd and Graham went close, but there was no way back as Morda suffered their second home defeat in a row.

On Saturday Morda are again at home with Shifnal United 97 the visitors. The kick-off at Weston Road will be at 3pm.

Morda Reserves, who earned a creditable 1-1 draw away to Bishop's Castle Town last Saturday, will be away again when they travel to Hopesgate United.

FOOTBALL

by John Bridgwater

Rocky Rangers still in drop zone

ELLESMERE RANGERS remain in the bottom two of the Midland Alliance after suffering their seventh defeat in nine league games at struggling Coleshill last weekend.

Chances were at a premium in a goalless first half although Ricky Dumbrell should have broken the deadlock seven minutes before half-time when he pounced on to a through ball. But with just the home keeper to beat he fired wide of the far post.

Coleshill punished the miss after the break when Barry Fitzharris netted on 53 minutes.

Danny Carter then doubled the hosts' advantage 13 minutes later with a close-range effort to earn Coleshill their first league victory in six games.

Rangers joint boss Richard Gardner said: "It was our worst performance of the season.

"We were missing a few players who were unavailable and we were lacking in midfield."

Gardner also revealed that he is in the market for two strikers after losing Jamie Price to Continental Star.

Ellesmere host Heather St John's on Saturday.

Meanwhile, ST MARTINS were soundly beaten 5-1 at AFC Smethwick in West Midlands League division one.

The visitors fell behind when a scuffed Adrian Lewis clearance from Adam Lewis gifted Smethwick an early goal. The hosts doubled their advantage before Carl Bailey halved the deficit before the break.

But Smethwick added thre more sceond half goals to complete the win.

Golfers triumph on home turf

The winners of the sponsor's day event at Mile End Keith Evans, Angela and Paul Eke and Rochard Meyer celebrate their win

Event boosts charity

A CHARITY sponsors' day event **Mile End Golf Club** attracted 21 teams from far and wide to contest for this year's honours.

This is the third such event organised at the club, all proceeds this year being divided equally between local charity Hope House Childrens' Hospices and the national Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Some teams fielded low handicap players whilst others seemed less familiar with the game. This was reflected in the wide range of scores that teams recorded. Mile End members Keith Evans, Angela and Paul Eke, and Richard Meyer took the win.

So far this year about £7,000 has been raised by the club and its members who are happy to support two very worthy causes.

Meanwhile, at **Lakeside Golf Club** the annual Captain's Charity Day took place at the Club with a healthy field of members.

This year's most consistent golfer at the club and the lowest handicapper in the field Marius Van Lill (9) returned a fantastic card of 40 stableford points to take top honours and first prize of the use of a villa in Spain courtesy of Mick Higgins of Higgins and Pugh Builders.

Just edged into runners-up position was lady member Becky Sutton (33) with a fine 39 points, pushing Vice-Captain Ian Clark (20) into third spot with 38 points.

Other side events on the day were won as follows: Mens Longest Drive, Doug Anderson; Ladies Longest Drive, Past Ladies Captain Sandra Davies, Nearest the Pin Ian Clark and a team of four event won by Anderson, Charlie Brown, Pete Philpott and Dale Jones.

The summer leagues have two more rounds before this year's winners are decided. Nett results: 1 Phil Lewis, 2 Denise Hazelwood, 3 Dave Powell. Gross: 1 Joe Davies, 2 Anderson, 3 Kevin Lloyd.

Other clubs results:

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Burmah Oil final: Wilf Williams beat George Rodger 10&9.

Jasper Moon final: Graham Park beat Steve Hinchcliffe 12&11.

Percy Woods final: Roy & Mark Davenport beat Chris Williams & Mark Baker 1up.

Thonger Cup final: Lewis Williams beat Jack Owen 4&2.

Lytham Trophy final: Chris & Ann Holes beat John & Joan Brice 2&1.

Ladies Scratch Trophy final: Julia Howell beat Karen Swanston 7&5.

Dilys Jones Trophy final: Chris Wilkinson beat Lesley Winslow 4&3.

Vera Lloyd Salver final: Julia Howell & Zena Hargest beat Pam Sevant & Annie Evans 3&1.

WELSH BORDER

President's Putter Stableford: 1 L Parr 42 pts, 2 S Cowper 39, 3 A Hilditch 36, 4 B Cooke 36, 5 Daniel Jones 36, 6 Darren Jones 35.

Ladies' Carol Davenport match-play final: J Line bt J Bennett 6 and 5. Ladies friendly match: Welsh Border 2, Perton 3.

Senior friendly match: Welsh Border 5, Horsehay 1.

New recruits step in to ease injury crisis

RAVAGED by injuries this season, Llanrhaeadr have moved to bolster their Cymru Alliance squad by bringing in a couple of new faces this week.

At least seven players will miss Saturday's trip to Penycae, and boss Dan Stevens has reacted by signing Shawbury's Steve O'Reilly and Coedpoeth midfielder Jack Griffiths, while putting seven days' notice of approach on another player.

"Injuries have hampered us, but these two players will help us," he said."Steve is a midfielder who also plays up front. He is a good, strong player and will be an asset."

O'Reilly, however, must wait on international clearance while striker Chris Stevens (metatarsal) has joined the injury list that also includes Dan Kelly, Josh Wood, Joe Vaughan and Tim Hardy. Dan Roberts is still suspended while Sam Jones has left to go to university.

After a 2-2 home draw with Ruthin last week, Llanrhaeadr will be looking for at least a point from Saturday.

Doubles trouble in Oswestry defeat

OSWESTRY Tennis Club's mixed second team suffered defeat at Wem in their first away fixture of the season.

Having gained promotion in each of the last three years the team has reached a group who are all seasoned campaigners and the Oswestry team knew that they were in for a tough night.

In the first round rubbers the first pair of Gary Edwards and Speth Cumpston had to endure tie-breaks in both the first set, which they won, and then the second set which their opponents won before they eventually got over the winning line with a 10-6 win in the deciding set tie-break.

Their second rubber against the Wem second pair followed a similar pattern where they triumphed in a much more tense deciding set tie-break 10-8.

The second pair of Carol Slater and Stephen Mosford couldn't come to grips with either of the opposing pairs' strong play and went down in straight sets in both of their rubbers.

At two rubbers each the Wem side ran out the winners by six points to two points by virtue of winning two more sets.

Four of the club's male members travelled to Bomere Heath to play a post-league friendly and faced windy conditions as well as stiff competition against a team looking to avenge an eight-point defeat by Oswestry's men's second team earlier in the league season.

Ultimately, they were unable to match the success of their club-mates, losing 3-1.

In their first rubber, the Oswestry first pairing of Saffron Rainey and Stephen Mosford narrowly lost the first set 7-5 before taking the similarly close second set 7-6 after a tie break.

The Oswestry pair failed to capitalise on a match point before losing the deciding third set tie break 11-9.

In the reverse rubber the Bomere Heath second pair was forced to default due to injury at 4-1 behind in the second set, having taken the first 7-5.

The Oswestry second pairing of Elliot Bastos and David Grice was beaten 7-5, 6-4 in a hard-fought contest against the Bomere Heath second pair.

In the reverse rubber the Oswestry pair struggled against the strong and consistent Bomere Heath first pair, going down 6-1, 6-1.

PLACINGS

Whitchurch Bowls League

DIVISION 1

	P	W	Pts
Bridgewater A	300	201	5682
Hanmer A	300	177	5493
Chester Rd A	300	183	5448
District A	300	164	5377
Wem USC A	300	159	5310
AWC A	300	158	5210
Malpas Spts A	300	152	5207
Adderley A	300	150	5180
Prees A	300	149	5112
Wem A	300	127	5056
Harriers	300	129	5006
Woore A	300	139	4872
Pr Brockhurst A	300	112	4794
Ellesmere A	**300**	**100**	**4552**

DIVISION 2

	P	W	Pts
Hodnet A	300	180	5398
Wrenbury A	300	161	5343
Chester Rd B	300	160	5338
Malpas A	300	149	5252
Con Club A	300	148	5201
Childs Ercall	300	153	5161
Calverhall A	300	133	5134
Audlem A	300	139	5075
Hadnall A	300	157	5071
Ifton	**288**	**171**	**5068**
Wem B	300	133	5037
Wem Albion A	300	133	5007
Ash A	300	140	4997
Nant Pk Rd A	288	131	4924

DIVISION 3

	P	W	Pts
District B	300	187	5589
AWC B	300	187	5540
Malpas Fmrs A	300	175	5478
Hanmer B	300	159	5279
Chester Rd Ld A	300	158	5229
Moreton Saye	300	167	5222
Whixall A	300	154	5214
Prees B	300	155	5190
Ellesmere D	**300**	**153**	**5187**
Audlem B	300	127	5088
Cholmondeley A	300	137	4996
Malpas Spts B	300	116	4816
Malpas B	300	109	4769
AWC C	300	116	4764

DIVISION 6

	P	W	Pts
Wrenbury C	300	196	5589
Prees C	300	190	5472
Barony Park	300	171	5384
Ash B	300	171	5350
Hadnall B	300	169	5257
Tilstock B	300	141	5102
Wollerton	300	142	5039
Wrenbury D	300	134	5005
Whixall C	300	147	4940
Nant Pk Rd C	300	130	4927
Wem Albion B	300	128	4839
Malpas C	300	133	4829
Calverhall B	300	128	4759
Ellesmere B	**300**	**120**	**4712**

Furrows Shropshire Premier Bowling League

	P	MW	GW	Agg	Pts
Newport	24	17	186	866	220
Meole Brace	24	15	174	521	204
Chester Road	24	16	172	551	204
Castlefields	24	16	167	444	199
S J Bayley	24	16	163	361	195
St Georges	23	15	152	331	182
Bowring	24	13	146	78	172
Wrock Wood	24	10	128	-277	148
Ifton	**24**	**10**	**128**	**-299**	**148**
Ford	24	8	129	-374	145
Arch W'ton	24	8	114	-575	130
Wem USC	24	7	109	-740	121
Bylet	23	4	92	-887	100

Andrews Fish Bar Welshpool Pool League

PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Talbot D	2	2	0	16	4	4
Angel A	2	2	0	14	6	4
Pheasant Nomads	2	2	0	13	7	4
Oak A	2	1	1	12	8	2
Cross Keys	1	1	0	7	3	2
Punchbowl A	1	1	0	6	4	2
Four Crosses	2	1	1	10	10	2
Castle Boys	1	0	0	5	5	1
Cock A	2	0	1	9	11	1
Breidden Lions	1	0	1	4	6	0
Argae A	2	0	2	6	14	0
Socialites	2	0	2	4	16	0
Talbot Top Dogs	2	0	2	4	16	0

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Angel B	2	2	0	15	5	4
W'wood Warriors	2	2	0	13	7	4
Courthouse Judges	2	1	0	12	8	3
Pheasant B	2	1	0	11	9	3
Station	2	1	1	10	10	2
Breidden Tigers	2	1	1	9	11	2
Horse and Jockey	1	0	0	5	5	1
Black Lion Lnfr	1	0	0	5	5	1
Cock Brockton	2	0	1	9	11	1
Cock B	1	0	0	4	6	1
Oak B	2	0	1	9	11	1
Social Club B	1	0	1	3	7	0
Horseshoe	2	0	2	5	15	0

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Courthouse B	2	2	0	13	7	4
Talbot Berriew	2	1	0	13	7	3
Lowfield	2	1	0	11	9	3
Halfway House	2	1	0	11	9	3
Herbert Arms	2	1	1	12	8	2
Punchbowl B	2	1	1	11	9	2
Pinewood	2	1	1	11	9	2
Talbot Thundercats	2	1	1	10	10	2
Dragon B'ton	2	0	0	10	10	2
Welly Wasps	2	1	1	8	12	2
Westwood Slayers	2	0	1	8	12	1
Welly Dukes	2	0	1	8	12	1
Kingshead G'fld	2	0	1	8	12	1
Talbot Flunks	2	0	2	6	14	0

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Battling Oswestry secure a point

FIRST team debuts for Phil Dury and Dan Williams saw a much-changed Oswestry side finish 12-12 with Dukinfield in their second home game of the season in the South Lancs Cheshire Two.

The Eagles took the field in confident mood after two good training sessions during the week, and started to test the much heavier Dukinfield backline with some darting runs by Andy Merrett and Tom Treasure in the centres. With young Dan Williams settling in very quickly at fly half, the Oswestry forwards began to take control, and after a couple of attacks on the blindside the ball was whipped out to Merrett who stepped inside his man to score from five yards out. With Dan Williams converting the hosts found themselves seven points up after only six minutes of play.

Dukinfield came back straight from the kick-off and started to play a 10-man game that was very successful against an Oswestry side that wanted to throw the ball about.

After pressing the home line for a long period, the ball eventually came out to the Dukinfield fly half who floated a lovely cross kick into the corner for the winger to score a converted try.

Again the Eagles were put under pressure, but a good passage of play saw them get back into the opposition half. After winning a lineout, quick possession off the top by James Booth saw the ball passed along the line for Elliot Wilson to step inside his man and he popped the ball up to Gareth Hughes on his shoulder to score an unconverted try in the corner.

Oswestry showed that with the ball in hand they could exploit the Dukinfield defence but to their credit the visitors kept it tight.

After a couple of yellow cards Oswestry found themselves down to 13 men, and another kick over the top of the defence by the Dukinfield fly half saw the visitors win the chase for an unconverted try on half time.

With the scores level, the second half was a very bruising affair with Oswestry defending like demons and desperately trying to release the back line. Despite their efforts, neither side could make a decisive score, but Oswestry's unbeaten home record remains intact.

This Saturday, the Eagles travel to Oldershaw looking for their first point away from home.

Rovers on trail of leaders

WATERLOO Rovers bid to make up ground on the leading pack in the Spar Mid Wales League division one when they host Llansantffraid Village on Saturday.

With several sides involved in the FAW Trophy, it is the perfect chance for Rovers who currently lie in fifth spot, with three wins and a draw from their six games.

Last week's 5-3 win at home to a good Newbridge outfit maintained the momentum, with Charlie Proctor scoring twice along with Ricky Litchfield, Steve Hole and an own goal.

"I was happy with the lads' application and they showed good attitude and composure to hold on to the lead when put under some serious pressure," said boss Dale Roberts.

Llansantffraid, fielding a youthful side this term, could take plenty of positives from last week's narrow 2-1 loss to unbeaten Aberaeron, and could count themselves unfortunate to come away empty-handed.

The second round of the FAW Trophy takes centre stage tomorrow, with one of the big games of the day seeing high-flying Four Crosses head to Montgomery.

Berriew are on the road to Machynlleth while Llanfyllin face a testing trip to

Confidence boost for Town

WELSHPOOL TOWN face an awkward FAW Trophy second round trip to Llanfair United on Saturday – but can take heart from a much-needed victory in the Spar Mid Wales League division one.

After crumbling 8-0 at Berriew, they responded with last Saturday's 4-1 success at Dolgellau, despite again suffering from their now customary goalkeeping problems.

"The Berriew defeat was the lowest ebb for me since becoming manager," admitted boss Dave Jones. "With the players we have, we shouldn't be losing 8-0, so it was very important for us to win last Saturday.

"Despite the problems and the injuries we've had, we're still only three points off sixth spot."

However, with a number of long-term injury problems, Jones and his assistant David Williams will be looking to bring in new blood in the coming weeks.

Keeper Ryan Edkins may be included in the Welshpool goal on Saturday if he recovers from a hand injury but, failing that, Mike Bebb may continue been the posts.

Llanfair, flying high at the top of the Spar Mid Wales League division two this term, look firm favourites on home soil after winning all five league games this term, scoring 16 goals and conceding just two.

Kez Ogden, centre, celebrates the victory with team-mates Sophie Worrall, right, and Nancy Ndure.

Kez helps county team to top title

OSWESTRY'S Kez Ogden helped Shropshire girls strike gold at the English School Combined Events Championships at Bedford last weekend.

Ogden joined Sophie Worrall, and Telford's Nancy Ndure in claiming the team title in the senior girls' heptathlon at the English Schools Combined Events Championship.

It was the first time Shropshire have won an event at any age group in the national finals and came as the competition celebrated its 25th anniversary.

Their combined tally of 11,759 points was enough to claim the Joyce Bundy Trophy, with Kent second, Lincolnshire third and Surrey fourth.

Worrall led the way with a personal best score of 4,160 which saw her climb from 12th after three events to finish in fifth.

Ogden ended the two days in seventh overall after making a flying start to the competition by clocking 15.7secs in the hurdles.

A season's-best high jump of 1.59m, coupled with a shot of 8.79m and 200m of 26.98 secs, helped her end day one in fifth.

She improved her position by one after a long jump of 5.03m and personal best javelin throw of 27.06m, before slipping to seventh with a total of 4,051 after 2mins 53.91secs.

Ndure completed the team with a score of 3,458 for 22nd overall

SAINTS READY TO SHOW THEIR STEEL

HAVING reclaimed top spot in the Welsh Premier, The New Saints will be anxious to cement their position as top dogs when they take on Port Talbot at Park Hall on Saturday (2.30pm).

The Saints showed no ill-effects of a recent goal drought as they overcame last season's runners-up Bangor City 3-0 in last weekend's televised clash, to replace the Citizens at the summit on goal difference.

However, head coach Carl Darlington knows the defending champions need to follow up that result with another three-pointer against the Steelmen on Saturday.

by John Bridgwater

"We need to win that, if not the result against Bangor will count for little," he said.

"We need to put in the same kind of performance, if we do that then we won't be far away.

"Port Talbot have had some mixed results but they are capable of taking points off anybody in the league so we have to be focused and make sure we stay top of the league.

"Nothing less than three points will be good enough."

The Saints are likely to keep faith with the starting XI that performed well last week, and it was the first time in over a year that the club management did not bring on a substitute during the game.

Striker Greg Draper (illness) and Ryan Fraughan (groin) were both on the bench last week, and may have to wait until next Tuesday's rearranged Welsh Premier Cup clash at Prestatyn to get a run-out.

Port Talbot drew 1-1 with high-flying Prestatyn last Saturday, while they were forced into extra time in midweek in the league cup at Aberystwyth before winning on penalties after the sides had finished 2-2.

Darlington, meanwhile, was delighted with the way TNS responded as they overcame Bangor last weekend.

"We knew we hadn't won or even scored in our previous three games – stats don't lie – but there was no panic, and the players responded magnificently," he said.

"The players went out there and played with so much energy, commitment and enthusiasm from start to finish.

"It was also pleasing that we kept a clean sheet, and we have still only conceded three goals this season."

Captain Marvel joins Tigers!

Oswestry Tigers under-9s had a special guest at their 2-1 away defeat to SAHA on Sunday when former England and Manchester United captain Bryan Robson popped along to watch. Robson is godparent to two of the Tigers' players and made the journey down to watch them in action before chattin with the youngsters afterwards. Meanwhile, the club is setting up a girls section and is looking for players. Anyone interested can contact Steve Wall on 01691 661041. The girls section train on Fridays at Gattacre from 6pm-7pm.

Stunning show by Oswestry

NEWLY-promoted Oswestry ladies have got off to the perfect start in Cheshire Three with a 14-1 win away at Buckley.

But manager Tracey Royle admits that victory by any margin will be welcome when they host Newton-le-Willows on Saturday.

Oswestry raced out of the blocks last weekend following last season's promotion.

But Royle said that after such a high-scoring result it was still difficult to gauge the standard of opposition for this season.

"We couldn't have asked for a better start," she said. "We thought it would be much tougher but everybody played really well and we played as a team.

"But you never know how each game is going to go. Confidence is high but I don't think this weekend is going to be as high-scoring as last weekend. We don't know what to expect. If we win the game by any score it would be great."

Oswestry had been without captain Lisa Bladen, who will be back in contention for this weekend, but Debbie Hampson will be unavailable.

Royle and Jo Woodcock led the scoring on Saturday, each netting four goals while Helen Roberts added a hat-trick and Sarah Lowe, Sandra Jones and Debra Jones all scored one each.

Runner-up cheque for Rooke

WELSHPOOL golf professional Lee Rooke has claimed an impressive second place in a top PGA tournament in Bulgaria.

Rooke was runner-up at the UniCredit 2012 PGA Professional Championship of Europe, pocketing a cheque for more than £4,000 in the process.

And it could have been more but for champion Hugo Santos of Portugal sinking a 20-foot putt on the last to clinch the title.

Rooke finished nine-under, a shot behind overall winner Santos who won for a second consecutive year at the Pravets Golf Resort and Spa, near Sofia.

Rooke is a professional at the Vale of Llangollen Golf Club and has enjoyed a decent summer on the satellite Tour, making 17 cuts from 19 starts. He qualified for Bulgaria by winning the Glenmuir PGA Professional Championship regional qualifier in Southport back in May.

He now travels to Mexico where he has secured a spot in the final of the Virgin Atlantic PGA National Pro-Am Championship in December having qualified earlier in the year.

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